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PREFACE.

This compilation is made at the special request of many of the friends and well wishers of Mr. A. Maigandadeva Mudaliar and will not have seen the light of publication but for the suggestion primarily made by Raja Dharma Pravina T. R. A. Thumbu Chettiar, Esq., C.I.E., retired Officiating Dewan of Mysore. As the President of the Committee of R. B. A. N. M.'s Charities, as the trusted personal friend and adviser of Rai Bahadur Dharmaratnakara Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, as one who has all along taken particular interest in the welfare of the latter's family, and, lastly, as a veteran of vast experience of men and things, that gentleman's suggestion had the desired result. The numerous messages of congratulation and addresses which poured, into the Mysore Hall, from all classes of the community and various associations, and the demonstrative way in which friends and the public showed their rejoicings, bore testimony to the fact that the distinction earned was neither for power nor for favor, but for public merits won by acts of philanthropy which knew no creed, race or color, and for the solicitude shown to friends and fellow citizens in general.

Following the noble example of his uncle, Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar, who has invariably manifested himself to the poor as boundless in benevolence, has also acquired, by his sympathy and natural good disposition, celebrity of an enduring character worthy of the family to which he belongs. In his capacity as Municipal Commissioner, Honorary Magistrate and, the most important of all, as the spokesman of the people whom he represented, and in all public matters he has won the respect and esteem of all, and his humble services have also been

appreciated by the Honourable the British Resident. It is no wonder, therefore, that public rejoicings knew no bounds and took various forms when the title of Rao Bahadur was conferred on him. Though this title is, as is sincerely hoped, the beginning of many more important ones to follow, its bestowal by the Supreme Government is a distinction which he well deserves amidst the general rejoicing of his friends. Beyond yielding to the wishes of friends, neither ugly pride nor subtle vanity has induced the undersigned in bringing out this compilation. The Rao Bahadur, by family descent, and acquired culture, is just the type of a silent worker, both in his private and public life, fully relying on the truth,

> "That honor and shame from no conditions arise
> Act well thy part, there all the honor lies."

As one who had the fortune of being his schoolmate, associate, and fellow counsellor, and of enjoying his confidence, the undersigned has the personal satisfaction of discharging a duty, which he feels he owes to his friend, in giving publicity to this compilation.

BANGALORE,
1st *October* 1902. } A. R. CHELVARAYA MUDALIAR.

SANAD.

To

Maigandadeva Mudaliar

of Bangalore

I hereby confer upon you the title of **Rao Bahadur** as a personal distinction.

(Sd.) Curzon,

Viceroy & Governor-General of India.

SIMLA,

The 9th November, 1901.

Extract from the "GAZETTE OF INDIA," *dated*

16*th November*, 1901.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATIONS. SIMLA, *the* 9*th Nov.*, 1901.

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Telegrams.

(1)

From

V. A. PARTHASARATHY MUDR. ESQ., RAO SAHEB,
MADRAS.

Proud honour conferred—heartiest congratulations greater honours—Longevity.

(2)

From

A. T. THIRUVENGADASAWMY MUDR. ESQ.,
RAO BAHADUR, COIMBATORE.

Richly deserved honour—heartily wish for several more.

(3)

From

A. R. CHELVAROYA MUDALIAR ESQ.,
COIMBATORE.

Overwhelmed with joy—accept sincerest congratulations—hail Bahadur.

(4)

From

P. MARUTHACHELLA MUDALIAR Esq.,
Municipal Commissioner, Ootacamund.

Heartily congratulate on bestowal of honour Rao Bahadur.

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(5)

From

Colonel A. F. DOBSON,
P. M. O., Rangoon.

Our heartiest congratulations to you—I felt sure you would receive recognition.

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(6)

From

C. SRIKANTESWARA IYER Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner.

Accept my hearty congratulations on your appointment as Rao Bahadur.

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(7)

From

M. VENCATACHELLA MUDALIAR Esq.,
Commissariat Manager, Rangoon.

Kindly accept congratulations—pray God bless you with many more honors.

Letters.

(1)

RUGBY HALL,
BANGALORE, *9th November* 1901.

My Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

I am delighted to learn from the Daily Post just to hand that you have been made Rao Bahadur. I hope this is preliminary to your getting higher honors which you deserve—with *all* our best wishes.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
T. R. A. THUMBOO CHETTY.
(*Retired Officiating Dewan of Mysore.*)

(2)

PURNAPRASADA,
RACE COURSE, BANGALORE,
10*th Nov.*, 1901.

My Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

Allow me to congratulate you most heartily upon the well merited distinction which the Government of India has conferred upon you. May you live long to enjoy the honour.

Yours very sincerely,
P. N. KRISHNA MOORTHY.
(*Dewan of Mysore.*)

(3)

The Residency Surgeon Office,
Bangalore, *dated* 10*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

Allow me to offer you my very heartiest congratulation on the richly deserved honour, which I see by this morning's paper, has been conferred on you. I need hardly say that I am very glad indeed that the excellent work you did in connection with the Lady Curzon Hospital has been so promptly recognised.

Yours sincerely,
R. F. STANDAGE, I. M. S., Captain.
(*Residency Surgeon.*)

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(4)

Bangalore, 10*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

Allow me to offer you my hearty congratulations for the Birthday Honor conferred upon you which you well deserved—and may you live long to enjoy the same—and sincerely trust this is only a stepping stone to a Knighthood—which will more than please one and all of your good friends and well wishers.

Yours sincerely,
H. ABRAHAM.

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(5)

Bangalore.
10*th Nov.* 1901.

My Dear Friend,

Accept our most sincere congratulations on your

Title Rao Bahadur. May you be long spared to enjoy it and be yet further honored and blessed.

With kind regards,
Very sincerely,
HENRY CLARKE.
(*Secretary, Municipal Commission.*)

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(6)

CHAMARAJENDRAPET,
10*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

Permit me kindly to offer you my warmest congratulations on the distinction which has just now been conferred upon you by the Government of India. The value of the distinction is in my opinion enhanced by the fact that you are the only recipient of any distinction in Mysore in the first year of the Reign of His Imperial Majesty King Edward VII.

Heartily congratulating you again and hoping that you may be blessed with long life and further honours and that your philanthrophy will continue to increase.

I remain,
Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,
B. SUBBA RAO.
(*Geological Department.*)

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(7)

PETTA, 10*th November*, 1901.

My Dear Sir,

This morning has dawned with joyful news. It gave me great pleasure to read the telegram conferring on you the title of Rao Bahadur. You richly deserve

the recognition, and I sincerely congratulate you on this happy occasion.

Wishing you the greetings of Deepavali and hoping that you will win more distinctions.

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
A. GOPALACHARLU.
(*Srinivasa Mandiram.*)

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(8)

BANGALORE 10*th November* 1901.

My dear Mr. Maigandadeva Moodaliar,

I congratulate you on the honour of the Title of Rao Bahadur conferred on you.

You well and richly deserve it for your public spirit and charity.

Yours Sincerely,
RAMASAWMIER.
(*Government Advocate.*)

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(9)

ROCHDALE PARK,
10*th November* 1901.

Sir,

Allow myself and family to congratulate you. We are quite proud to hear that you have received the title of Rao Bahadur. May God bless you with long life to bear it and may many more be added to it, and may He bestow one in the next for your kind and benevolent heart.

I remain,
Sir,
Your most Obedient servant,
J. FERNANDEZ.

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(10)

9, St. John's Road,
Bangalore 10*th November* 1901.

Dear Sir,

I write to ask you to accept the hearty congratulations of myself and the whole school staff on the honour conferred on you by the title of Rao Bahadur by the Government of India. May you live long to enjoy the dignity is our united and fervent prayer.

Yours faithfully,
S. M. KELLY.

35, Lakshmana Moodeliar
Street,
Bangalore,
10*th November* 1901.

Sir,

Please accept my hearty congratulations for the title of Rao Bahadur which has been so worthily bestowed on you by the Supreme Government. I pray God that more honors will follow this as you deserve them fully in every way.

Wishing you long life and prosperity.

Yours most faithfully,
P. R. VENKATARAMA IYER.

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(12)

Madras, 10*th November*.

My Dear Appen,

Myself and all the members of my family rejoice over the well-deserved distinction of Rao Bahadur that has been so worthily conferred on you. So, please accept our hearty congratulations on the same. And we hope

that this is only a precursor of higher honors that are in store for you.

With kind regards,
Yours very truly,
RAJA SIR S. RAMASAMY MUDALIAR.

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(13)

LITTLE CONJEEVERAM,
10*th November* 1901.

DEAR SIR,

I most heartily congratulate you on the honor of Rao Bahadur an honor which you fully deserved. All that know you personally are sure to say that you well merited the honor. It is a great pleasure to me to see your name in the list of His Majesty the King's Birthday honours. I pray to God that you will long live to enjoy it.

With best regards,
I beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
N. S. BASHIAM AIYENGAR
(*Special Magistrate and Dharmakarta of Sri Edothkari Swami Temple.*)

P.S.—My best compliments to your revered old father Rai Bahadur A. Narayanasami Mudaliar Esq.

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(14)

KOLAR, 10*th November* 1901.

My Dear Brother,

I am exceedingly glad to see the announcement in the Government of India Gazette of the title of Rao Bahadur conferred on you and I request you will with

pleasure accept my sincere congratulations. We are all very proud of it as the Government has done a great honor to the Mudaliar community in having conferred on you the title. I pray the almighty to give you long life to enjoy the honor bestowed on you, as well as those that may be conferred on you hereafter combined with all the worldly pleasures.

If our friend late Mr. Coopoosawmy Mudaly were to be alive, his pleasures would have been inexpressible at this occasion.

Yours affectionately,

M. ARUNACHELLAM.

(*Executive Engineer.*)

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(15)

CHITTOOR, 10*th November* 1901.

My Dear Brother,

I rejoice to find in the *Madras Mail* received here this morning that you have been so deservedly decorated with a "Rao Bahadur," a title, however, which somehow or other I have been long addressing you by. Your life of public utility and your excellent qualities of head and heart have after all wrested some recognition at the hands of the Imperial Government. May you live long and happy with the new title and may it be but the earnest of several more in store for you.

Yours affectionately,

C. T. PARTHASARATHY MUDALIAR.

(*Head Master*, *Board High School.*)

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(16)

MADRAS, 10*th November* 1901.

My Dearest Brother-in-law,

I returned home at 8-30 last night andmy joy knew

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no bounds when Rajabushanam announced to me the happy news of your being one of the recipients of His Majesty the King's Birthday honors. Not wishing to disturb you at a late hour of the night, I contented myself with sending you a telegraphic message to reach you early this morning, conveying my heartiest congratulations and wishing a long lease of life in order that you may enjoy further honors and distinction. The most remarkable feature in your case is that you fully deserve the honor both in the eye of man and God. We must view the honor conferred upon us in this world as symbolical of the honor awaiting us in a Better World. Man can but seldom claim to be a competent judge in such matters. From all I know of you and of your life in this world, I have not the slightest doubt in believing that the Great Judge of Judges will pour His choicest blessings upon you and grant you good health, long life, and peace of mind.

Ever yours most affectionately,

V. A. PARTHASARATHY MUDALIAR.

(*Forest Assistant*, *Board of Revenue.*)

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(17)

ALANTHOOR,

10*th Nov.* 1901.

My Dearest Mama,

We are all very glad to hear just now that the title of Rao Bahadur has been conferred on you by the Government of India. Accept our hearty congratulations please.

Yours ever affectionately,

A. VENKATACHALAM.

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(18)

MADURA,
10*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Brother,

I am extremely delighted to read in to-day's *Mail* that the British Government have conferred on you the distinction of Rao Bahadur which you so richly deserve. Kindly accept my congratulations, and we sincerely wish that you will be spared long to enjoy the honour conferred on you.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,
C. MUNISAWMY.

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(19)

NANDYAL,
10*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Friend and Brother,

My sincere congratulations on the well-earned honor conferred on you. Hoping that you will live to earn even greater honours.

Kindly remember me to kind father.

Yours Sincerely,
J. M. NALLASWAMY PILLAI.
(*District Munsiff.*)

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(20)

BANGALORE, 10*th November*, 1901.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of your subordinates I respectfully beg to convey their sincere congratulations to you on the title of Rao Bahadur conferred on you and in so doing I beg to offer this bouquet as a token of their extreme joy on this

happy occasion which it is their sincere prayer that you will kindly accept.

Yours very obediently,
C. R. SWAMINADEN.
(*On behalf of the Subordinates, Mysore Hall.*)

(21)

MYSORE HALL.
BANGALORE, 11*th Nov.* 1901.

Sir,

Although I am behind others in congratulating you on being the recipient of a "Birthday Honor", yet I offer you my humble congratulation heartily and sincerely and shall pray God to spare your life not only to enjoy the honor now conferred but to obtain higher ones commensurate with your magnanimity.

With all good wishes,
Yours obediently,
F. SYDENHAM.

(22)

BANGALORE,
11*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you on your being made a "Rao Bahadur." I hope you will live long to enjoy this and other honors which you so well deserve. Hoping you are well.

Yours truly,
ABDUL RAHIMAN.
(*Second Magistrate.*)

(23)

18, Residency Road,
Bangalore, South India.
11th *Nov.* 1901.

My Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you on receiving the expression of the King-Emperor's appreciation of your service in the Empire in this locality.

With very best wishes,

Truly yours,
G. W. GILLINGS.
(*Pastor.*)

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(24)

" Fairfield," High Ground,
Bangalore, 11*th Nov.* 1901.

My Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Moodelliar,

Allow me to congratulate you on your getting the just title of Rao Bahadur. You must give us a treat.

A. SREENIVASA IYENGAR.

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(25)

Bangalore.
11*th November* 1901.

My Dear Mr. Maigandadeva,

I see from to-day's " Mail" that the King of England was pleased to confer upon you the title of Rao Bahadur. I was very pleased to see it and ask you to accept the

hearty congratulations of myself and my father who is at present with me. Wishing you further honours,

I am,
Yours sincerely,
F. DEL TUFO.

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(26)

Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

I heartily congratulate you on the honor which the Government has conferred upon you. It is one which you well merit and I hope it will be followed by others.

Yours very sincerely,
A. RANGASAMY IYENGAR.
(*Judge, Chief Court.*)

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(27)

The Hindu Office,
100, Mount Road,
Madras, 11*th November* 1901.

My Dear Friend,

I congratulate you for the honour conferred on you by H. E. the Viceroy and I am sure that it is the beginning of much more that is to come.

Yours truly,
M. VIRARAGAVACHARI.

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(28)

Park Town,
11*th November* 1901.

Dear Sir,

May I request you to allow me the liberty of writing to you this humble and sincere note of congratulation.

I, as the late captain of the late Anna Bhai's Foot Ball Club, feel it my duty to express, though inadequately, my joy at hearing the title Rao Bahadur conferred upon you by the Government of India.

I for one am not surprised at this ; rather I feel sorry that the Government of India should have taken so long a time in recognising in you a patriot worthy of the honour. I and my friends had, at a very early date, recognized your charitable and sympathetic disposition and had even then felt how richly you deserved the honour for the services you have been rendering to the Government, for the kindly way in which you have been extending your helping hand to the poor and the needy, for the sincere and unceasing interest you have always evinced in the welfare of the young men, and for the positive pleasure you have been taking in redressing the grievances of the students especially—not to speak of the several institutions that stand out as monuments of charity, institutions founded, we presume, at your suggestion.

What I write is to me neither exaggeration nor flattery. It is but the spontaneous outburst of my feelings associated with the pleasant recollection of your good deeds. I pray you will live long to continue your charitable services to the poor and the suffering.

I remain,
Yours obediently,
A. N. DHARMALINGAM.

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(29)

COIMBATORE.
12*th November*, 1901..

My Dearest Brother, nay Bahadur

Thousands of ideas throng to my mind and I do not know where to begin and how to begin. They are all surely directed towards congratulating you on the richly

deserving honor conferred on you. It is no news to me and I am not in any way surprised at hearing the news for I anticipated this long ago and I even intimated to you the same on one or two occasions. The honor conferred upon you is unique in its kind and to me for obvious reasons the news is of immense pleasure and I do not know how best I can give vent to it. Had I been in your company at this juncture a *warm shake of hands* coupled with my smiling countenance would bear home to your heart my real inward feelings. The news in fact has created such a joyful sensation in the minds of all here both young and old that they feel that they have been dubbed with honor. I have said already that the honor conferred upon is unique and how it is so will be plain to you for the following reasons. You have not aimed at it You have not worked for it. You were not eager about it and you did not long for it nor would you consider yourself in any way great after the receipt of this honor. To you the honor has come unsought and such an honor is worth a 1,000 times better than one received after counting for it which is as it were bought. It is again unique that as a representative of the Moodaliar Community you have been honored and as a Bangalorean and as a Moodaliar I doubly nay tribly rejoice at the incident. May God bless you and your Uncle who lives to enjoy with his own sight such pleasures. You are indeed the noble son of a worthy father acting in his own footstep and that is the view, I admit which the Government itself has taken. Doubt you that this honor pointed out as being unique for reasons cited above conferred upon you in the bloom of your life will not develop into still greater honors? This is like the A. B. C. in the field of honors and I again repeat my forebodings that before long you will certainly get still greater titles which are laid in store for you. To you personally being of an *unostentatious* character the honor may not seem to be an honor in the real sense and my forebodings may seem to be mere flattery, but you will be pleased to understand that

this mark of distinction conferred upon you, will be regarded best by myself and other friends interested in you, for we regard you as an ornament to our community, a darling to our society and a gem to our beloved country. I fancy I have myself been honored and some curious sort of current is flowing in me for which I can't account properly and which keeps from writing long although as I have said in the very beginning that thousand ideas throng to my mind.

Yours sincerely,
A. R. CHELVAROYAN.

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(30)

11*th November* 1901.

My Dear Friend,

Please accept my hearty congratulations on the Government of India having conferred on you the title of Rao Bahadur which you so richly deserve.

Yours sincerely,
M. CHENGIAH CHETTY.
(*Sub-Division Officer*).

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(31)

BANGALORE,
12*th November* 1901.

My dear Sir,

On the 10th I had the pleasure to learn from the *Madras Mail* of the 9th that you were one of the recipients of the title of Rao Bahadur. I thought of congratulating you in person but as two of my children are down with fever, I was not able to come to Cantonment during

the last two days. So allow me to congratulate you by means of this letter.

Yours sincerely,
V. KRISHNASAWMY.

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(32)

GOLF ROAD,
SHESHADRIPURAM,
12th November 1901.

To

Dharmarathnakara

A. Narrainaswamy Mudaliar Esq.,

Rai Bahadur.

My Esteemed Friend,

With joy, I write to congratulate you on the title of Rao Bahadur having been bestowed by the Viceroy and Governor General of India on your worthy nephew Chirunjivi Maigandadeva Moodaliar.

I know that this distinction, conferred on him as representing your much respected family of Dharma Ruthnakara, will rejoice your pure soul and noble heart living for the well-being of the public.

Allow me to add that Rao Maiganda Deva Moodaliar Bahadur is universally esteemed.

May God grant him long life and every prosperity is the heartfelt wish of your sincere friend,

A. NARASIM IYENGAR.
(*Retired Durbar Bakshi*).

(33)

MYSORE,
12*th November* 1901.

My dear Mr. Maigandiah,

I was delighted to see your name in the "List of Honours." Please accept our warmest congratulations and best wishes.

With kindest regards
Yours sincerely,
M. McGANN.
(*Palace Physician*).

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(34)

RANIPET,
12*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Brother-in-law,

This day's *Hindu* made me and other friends to be happy at the news of the investiture of the title of "Rao Bahadur" to you who is worthy to receive more significant honors.

The honor conferred upon you has some meaning which the *Hindu* has explained. In congratulating you on the honor I wish to hear of more significant and high honors very soon.

Yours sincerely,
V. S. SADASIVUM.

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(35)

MYLAPORE,
MADRAS, 12*th Nov*, 1901.

Dear Sir,

Please allow me to heartily congratulate you on the distinction of Rao Bahadurship conferred upon you as one of the Birthday honors. I was very pleased to see

your name in the list and last night's *Hindu* has a few words of apt praise to you for your connection with the many-sided charities of your illustrious uncle. May you have a long life of usefulness and happiness so as to enable you to enjoy the honor so fitly conferred is the prayer of,

Yours sincerely,
M. C. NANJUNDA RAO.

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(36)

RAMAVILASAM,
CHINTADRIPET,
MADRAS, 12*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Brother,

This morning my brother drew my attention to the title of honor that was bestowed on you on the Birthday of our King. Please accept my sincere congratulations on the well-merited honor conferred on you. May you live long and beget many such a title by being useful to your fellowmen.

All of my friends join me in these congratulations.

With best regards,
I am,
Yours affectionately,
B. V. RAMANJULU.

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(37)

MADRAS, 12*th November* 1901.

My dear Brother-in-law,

Accept my heartfelt congratulations for the title conferred upon you. It is my sincere prayer to God that you should be blessed with such a prosperity and long

life for your generous heart. Your sister and all at home are extremely joyful of this.

I send you a small parcel containing sweets which please accept.

Yours affectionately,
A. ANNASAWMY.

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(38)

CHADARGHAT, HYDERABAD, DECCAN,
12th Nov. 1901.

My dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

Just a line to congratulate you on your well-deserved distinction. I truly hope I shall live to see you honoured with a higher title, such as you fully deserve. I trust you will not think I am flattering you.

I am,
Yours in haste,
R. S. SHEPPARD.

P. S.—Please remember my congratulations when public meetings are held—as they are sure to be—to congratulate you, and think I am present in spirit though not in the body. R. S. S.

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(39)

MYSORE, *12th November* 1901.

My dear M. Moodaliar,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I congratulate you most heartily on the honor Government has been pleased to bestow on you.

Although you really deserve a much greater honor than this yet it is a real and recognised mark of distinction ; and you have reasons to be proud of it. I sincerely

hope that this is only a shadow of the greater honor that is awaiting you for the future.

May God bless you with long life to enjoy the distinction for many years and to help the needy.

Wishing you joy again.

Yours sincerely,

K. M. APPIAH.

(*Assistant to the Durbar Surgeon*).

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(40)

MADURANTACUM,

12*th Nov.* 1901.

My Dear Sir,

I heartily congratulate you on the Rao Bahadurship conferred upon you, a thoroughly well-deserved recognition of many of the charitable and useful work done by you with a good, broad and sympathetic heart to serve the public interests in and out of your town. I am sure it will give universal satisfaction and I pray that the Almighty may be pleased to spare you with a long, happy and prosperous life to do more good to the public.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

C. DAMODARAN.

(*Tahsildar.*)

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(41)

BELLARY, 12*th Nov.* 1901.

My Dear Thambi,

Allow me to congratulate you for the bestowal of the title of Rao Bahadur on you by the Viceroy which title I hope you will enjoy for many a year, by the Grace of the Almighty.

Hoping your venerable uncle and all the members of your family are doing well.

Yours very sincerely,
A. SABHAPATHY MUDELLIAR.

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(42)

MYSORE, 12*th* *Nov.* 1901.

Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

Accept my hearty congratulations upon the recognition by the Emperor of your high public spirit as a citizen. May the present honor lead to greater ones in the future.

Yours very truly,
M. C. RANGIENGAR.

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(43)

ADYAR, 12*th* *Nov.* 1901.

My Dear Sir,

I beg to offer my heartfelt congratulations to you for the Rao Bahadurship conferred on you by the Indian Government.

Yours sincerely,
R. ANANTHAKRISHNA SASTRY.

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(44)

THE CRESCENT OFFICE,
COIMBATORE, 12*th* *Nov.* 1901.

Dear Sir,

தங்களுடைய தரும குணாதிசயங்களை ஜனங்களும் கவர்ன்மெண்டாரும் கண்டு வியந்து தங்கள் பரோபகார பொது நல பிரயத்தினத்திற்கு பிரதி யுபகாரமாக நமது மாக்ஷிமைப் பொருந்திய கவர்ன்மெண்டார் தங்களுக்கு "இராவ்பஹதூர்"

என்ற பிருதைக் கொடுத்து கவுரவப் படுத்தியதற்கு நாங்கள் யாவரும் கொண்டாடுகிறோம். ஜகதீசுவரர் தங்களுக்கு பூர்ண சுக வாழ்வையும் குடும்ப சுகத்தையும் கொடுத்து இன்னும் பல பிருதுகளைப்பெற்று வாழ்விக்கச்செய்ய வேண்டும்.

இப்படிக்கு ஊழியன்,
சே. ப. நரசிம்மலு நாயுடு,
கலாநிதி எடிட்டர்.

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(45)

TIRUPPATHUR, 12*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Brother,

I heartily congratulate you for the honor you have obtained from Our Most Gracious King on the occasion of his birthday. This is well-merited and you deserve it.

All your friends and well-wishers must be proud of this. I am very proud of this honor you got and pray that you will be dubbed with many more such and higher honors to get which I pray God will bless you with long life. Hoping this will find you in sound health.

Yours sincerely,
T. GANGATHARAM.

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(46)

BANGALORE, 13*th Nov.* 1901.

MY DEAR SIR,

Please accept my sincerest congratulations for the well-deserved honour conferred on you by His Majesty the Emperor, on the occasion of the celebration of his 60th birthday. Many are the hearts that feel a glow of pleasure at the honour you have attained to ; and I feel proud to say that I might have been almost the first who learnt the happy news in the Supplement to the *Daily Post* on Saturday and announced the news to many

friends. May the honour sit *long* and *bright* on you, and may you deserve higher and higher honours still.

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Yours most sincerely and in love,
S. VAIDIANADHAM.

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(47)

"BENLOMOND," INFANTRY ROAD,
13*th Nov.* 1901.

DEAR MR. MAIGANDADEVA MUDALIAR,

Mr. Baillie joins me in writing and offering you our heartiest congratulations on the new title conferred on you. I need hardly say you are really deserving of it, and trust you will be spared for many more years to come and to receive higher honours still.

Once more offering you our sincerest wishes.

Yours sincerely,
J. MABEL BAILLIE.

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(48)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
MADRAS, 13*th Nov.* 1901.

MY DEAR BROTHER,

I am extremely glad to note that the Government of India has recognised your merits and conferred on you the title of Rao Bahadur. Kindly accept my hearty congratulation. That it will please the Almighty to bless you with long life and with still more public spirit and lead you on to Kt., C. I. E. is the humble prayer of

Your ever affectionate,
T. N. RAMALINGAM.

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(49)

EXCHANGE HALL,
MADRAS, 13*th Nov.* 1901.

DEAR MR. MAIGANDADEVA MUDALIAR AVERGAL,

சுபம் சுபங்களை எழுதிவரவேண்டியது. டெயிலிபோஸ்ட்
டில்கண்ட Rao Bahadur-Honour விஷயத்தை நாங்களும்
ம-ா-ஸ்ரீ, வெங்கடசாமி நாயுடும் மற்ற நமக்கு வேண்டிய
வர்களும் கண்டோம். களித்தோம். எல்லையில்லாத ஆனந்தத்
தை யடைந்து உங்களுக் கென்றென்றைக்கும் குறைவற்ற
செல்வமும், நோயற்ற வாழ்வும், மேன்மேலும் அரசுகளால்
கீர்த்தியும் ஓங்கி நீடூழிவாழி வாழியாயிருக்கும்படி வழி
படு கடவுளை வணங்கினோம். சுபம். சுபம். சுபம்.

இப்படிக்கு ஊழியன்
சே. முனிசாமி முதலியார்.

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(50)

13*th November* 1901.

DEAR SIR,

Kindly accept my congratulations for the honor (title of Rao Bahadur) conferred upon you by Government in recognition of the eminent services rendered by you for public good. It is a well-deserved honor.

Yours affectionately,
GOVINDIAH NAIDU.

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(51)

CONJEEVERAM, 13*th November* 1901.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am glad to congratulate you upon your new title and wish you a long career of usefulness and of charitable disposition.

Yours faithfully,
G. S. ABBA'YI.

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(52)

Madras, 14*th November* 1901.

My Dear Moodaliar Avl.,

I am indeed bound with ecstacy of joy when I saw in the *Times* Paper of the 11th instant that you are honoured with the title of Rao Bahadur, which you certainly deserve for your generosity and kindness to the poor. I hope to see you Knighted sooner in Bangalore as there is one in Madras already.

Yours very sincerely,
C. MOOCOONDOO NAIDOO.

53)

Hassan, 14*th November* 1901.

Dear Sir,

I was glad to see by the paper of the 9th the King has given you the title of Rao Bahadur amongst the honor he has conferred on his subjects. I was delighted to see your name mentioned amongst the number. May you live long to enjoy this title. I am sure your uncle must have been pleased to see you got it.

Yours sincerely,
A. ANDERSON.

(54)

Dear Sir,

I learned with pleasure your appointment as Rao Bahadur and I address you my sincere congratulations.

Yours faithfully,
A. FILATRIAU.

(55)

My Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

It is with extreme pleasure I offer you my heartiest congratulations for the well-merited honor of Rao Bahadur conferred on you by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in India, in connection with the birthday honors of His Most Gracious Majesty Edward VII, and Emperor of India, and my fervent prayer is that the Lord will spare you for many more years to enjoy the distinction, and that the day is not far distant to rise to higher distinguished honors, such as to be knighted, and I be spared to address you as Sir Maigandadeva Mudaliar. Your charity to the needy, irrespective of nationality or creed, has been unparalleled, and their request to the Almighty is that you should keep good health and live long.

Very sincerely yours,
EDMUND D. TWIGG.

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(56)

Bangalore, 15*th November* 1901.

Sir,

In the list of honours given on the first birthday of King Edward VII, Emperor of India, after His Majesty's accession to the throne, I observe in the province of Mysore you have been raised to the rank of Rao Bahadur; and in consequence, I present this my loyal congratulatory address with sincere feelings of loyalty towards you, and I wish with all my heart and soul to shower upon you a good many exalting encomiums on your noble self and pray that God the Omnipotent may bless you with health, happiness and long life.

May your glorious and ever illustrious star of magnanimity shine brighter and brighter in this vast realm

of India, and in the region of the Model State of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore.

May God bless you with all wisdom, prudence, and skill in the furtherance of your vast business. In conclusion, may your present position be raised, and be auspicious with divine dignity and virtue. May the whole population of Bangalore admire, praise and exhalt your philanthropic deeds, and may the High Heaven gracefully bestow upon you as well as your noble family, His choicest and richest blessings—is the ever heartfelt desire of your poor friend

B. M. KENCHAPPA.

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(57)

THE RESIDENCY SURGEON'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE, DATED *Nov.* 15, 1901.

Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Moodaliar,

I am directed by the Hon. the Officiating Resident in Mysore to convey to you his congratulations on the honor conferred upon you by Government, in the last honor list.

Yours truly,
R. FRASER STANDAGE, Capt., I. M. S.,
Residency Surgeon.

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(58)

SUGUNA VILASA SABHA BRANCH,
BANGALORE, 15*th Nov.* 1901.

To
A. Maigandadeva Mudaliar Esq.,
President, Suguna Vilasa Sabha,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

As resolved in to-day's Special Meeting of the Exe-

cutive Committee of the Sabha, I have much pleasure in conveying our hearty congratulations on your being made a Rao Bahadur by the Government of India on the important occasion of our King-Emperor's Birthday in full recognition of your recent charities and of your duties as public citizen of Bangalore and we wish every progress in your public career, also for your long life to enjoy the well-earned title you so highly deserve.

Yours faithfully,
C. K. SHUNMUKHA RAJU CHETTY,
Secretary.

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(59)

KIRKTON,
16*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear friend,

I was at Gowripuram so could not write to you before this. Please allow me to congratulate you on your name appearing in the Birthday Honor list. I am so glad and hope you will get further honors upward and onward and I hope you will be soon a C. I. E.

With best wishes,
Your friend,
J. C. S. LAWRENCE.

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(60)

ARMSTRONG ROAD,
BANGALORE, 16*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to congratulate you on the occasion of your having been honored by the Government of India with the title of " Rao Bahadur " which I am very glad to state you richly deserve.

I sincerely pray God will be pleased to confer on you many more of such honors and to spare you for very

many years to come to enjoy the said honor done to you and through you to all of us, your many friends and acquaintances.

Yours sincerely,

C. KODANDARAM IYER,

1st Great Pleader.

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(61)

COIMBATORE,

16th Nov. 1901.

My dearest Brother,

Pray accept my heartfelt and sincerest congratulations again with those that are wishing you well this evening at the School and at the Club. I am only sorry for being absent from enjoying that pleasure personally.

Again wishing you all happiness,

I am,

Yours ever sincerely,

A. R. CHELVAROYAN.

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(62)

CHITTOOR,

16th Nov. 1901.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Please allow me to congratulate you on your having been worthily honored by the Government with the valued title of "Rao Bahadur." It is really an honor to our community and especially to your well-wishers and friends among whom I class myself as one.

In conclusion, I again offer my hearty congratulations to you and I pray that Providence will be pleased to confer upon you and yours long life and prosperity.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

C. M. DURAISAWMY,

(High Court Vakil.)

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(63)

Mysore, 16*th November* 1901.

Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Moodaliar,

I write in all sincerity to congratulate you on the honour recently conferred on you by the Government and to express a hope that you will continue in health and prosperity and shed lustre on the community which you represent.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
T. S. A. D'CRUZ.

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(64)

Ulsoor, Bangalore,
17th *November* 1901.

My Dear Sir,

Kindly accept my hearty congratulations on your being honoured with the title of Rao Bahadur by the Government of India in recognition of your numerous works of public good. Really you must be proud of this honour of distinction done to you chiefly because it was conferred on you during the life time of your good old uncle and our President of the Brahmo Mandir, Rai Bahadur A. Narainswami Mudaliar. This is only a stepping stone to greater honours which you well deserve.

Yours truly,
A. SAWMINATH TIRUVANGADASAWMY,
Brahma Vadi.

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(65)

Shimoga, 17*th November* 1901.

My Dear Sir,

I was very pleased to find your name in the Birthday honours list. Please accept my hearty congratulations

on your being made a Rao Bahadur. I have watched your career with interest and it is a source of gratification to me to see that you are treading in the footsteps of your worthy uncle Mr. Rai Bahadur Narainswami Moodeliar to whom please convey my felicitations on this auspicious event.

Hoping your future career will be one of increased usefulness.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
K. P. PUTTANNA CHETTY.
(*Deputy Commissioner.*)

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(66)

Chitaldrug, 17*th November* 1901.

My Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Moodeliar,

Allow me to congratulate you on the title of "Rao Bahadur" conferred on you by His Excellency the Viceroy. You richly deserve higher honours for your public spiritedness and I fervently pray to God that he may bless you with a long life to enjoy these honours.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
M. NARAIN RAO.
(*Deputy Commissioner.*)

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(67)

T. SUBBAROYA MOODELLIAR STREET,
SAIDAPET, 18*th November* 1901.

Respected Sir,

Kindly permit me to tender my hearty congratulations on your being conferred the well-deserved title of "Rao Bahadur" and I feel extremely sorry that I am

deprived of the privilege of being present at Bangalore on the occasion of giving you an address by the School staff.

Believe me,
Respected Sir,

That I am ever obliged to you and to your institution, and am your obedient servant,

T. SUNDARAM AIYAR.

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(68)

Chambers No. 1 Old Poor-house Road,
BANGALORE, 18*th November* 1901.

My dear friend,

I have just returned from up-country (Magadi) and I am only too delighted to find that you have obtained the title under which I have the great pleasure to address you.

God bless you and prosper you for ever.

Your Friend
J. W. HAYES, (JUNIOR.)

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(69)

13, APPAIYA MUTHU STREET,
PARK TOWN, MADRAS,
18*th November* '01.

My dear brother-in-law,

I have been very long, very late, perhaps the very last, though not the least, in conveying you my heartfelt congratulation on the title of Rao Bahadur that has been conferred upon you and which you so richly deserved. I hope that still greater honours are in store for you.

I am, yours obediently,
A. VISVANADAM.

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(70)

சிவகுருநாதன் திருவடிவாழி.

திருவிருத்தம்.

திருவளருந் திறத்தாயென் கண்ணனையாய்
நீயனுப்ப வெளியேன் றன்பால்
வருகடிதந் தனையெதிர் கொண்டிருகை
விரித்தன்பி னொடும்வாங்கி யென்றன்
உருவளரும் முடிக்கணி யாய்ச் சூடினேன்
கண்களிலே வொத்திக் கொண்டேன்
பொருவரு மோர்முத்த மிட்டேன் பூசித்தேன்
வாசித்தேன் புளகுற்றேனே.

திருக்குறள்.

மகன்றந்தைக் சாற்று முதவி யிவன்றந்தை
யென்னோற்றான் கொல்லெனுஞ் சொல்

என்ற ஆன்றோர் வார்த்தையைக் காப்பாற்றின வுனது நற்குண நற்செய்கை நற்றவத்திற்கு அனேக வந்தனமும் நமது நடராஜப் பெருமான் திருவடியில் இன்னும் இப்படியே இராஜாங்கத்திலும் மற்றெல்லா விஷயங்களிலும் மேன்மேலும் சிறப்புற்றோங்க சதா விண்ணப்பித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறேன்.

இப்படிக்கு தேவாரம்,
முத்துசாமி.

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(71)

BANGALORE,
19*th November*, 1901.

My dear Sir,

Allow me to offer my hearty congratulations on your having received the title of Rao Bahadur.

You certainly deserve the title and I feel sure that you will attain to further and higher honours, having regard to the numerous good and charitable acts you

have done and are doing. And may God bless you and grant you long life is the earnest prayer of always your well wisher

M. MOHIDEEN KHAN.

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(72)

BANGALORE, 19*th November* 1901.

My dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

I cannot express how pleased and gratified I am to find that you have obtained, what you most certainly deserved, the distinction of *Rao Bahadur*.

I am sure that all your numerous friends (and one of whom I am) must offer you their warm congratulations and which I now most sincerely do.

I must also in this connection tell you that it is my most sincere prayer that our ஈசன் will be pleased in His Infinite mercy to bless you with long life and His choicest blessings and prosperity so that you may be long spared to us and ensure to us the help and good that you have now for some time been bestowing on the public in general, and which has now been and for generations be appreciated, and will always endure to your good name and fame.

Would you kindly permit me in appreciation of our longstanding friendship to ask you to accept the accompanying presents as a token of my great esteem and regard for you.

Wishing you greater honor before long.

Your ever affectionate friend,
M. VENCATASAWMY.

(73)

2, Infantry Road, 20*th November*, 1901.

My dear Maigandadeva Mudaliar,

I write to congratulate you most sincerely and trust the next honor will be at least *C.I.E.*

I trust your uncle is well. He must be very pleased at the honor conferred on you.

Yours Sincerely,
CHAS. A. THOMAS.

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(74)

Mysore, 20*th November*, 1901.

Dear Brother,

It was only the other day I learnt with the greatest pleasure that Her Majesty's Government had been pleased to confer on you the honorable title of Rao Bahadur which you so well deserved.

Please kindly allow me, though late in the day, to tender my hearty and respectful congratulations for the honorable title you had the pleasure of thus obtaining. I am quite sure that the Government granting you this distinguished mark is universally appreciated and our community feel a great pride as I do that the Government had pleased to show such honorable distinction to a member in it.

I and all my family members feel highly gratified and pray that the Almighty God will spare you for many more long years to enjoy several more titles and honors.

With my sincere
wishes for your health and happiness,
Yours most sincerely,
VELAYUDA MOODALIAR.

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(75)

MADRAS,
20*th Nov.* 1901.

Dear friend,

I am exceedingly glad to see your name buckled with the title "Rao Bahadur." I ought to have wired you long before. Any how please accept my heartfelt congratulations. You richly deserve the honour from our esteemed Government. My respects to your uncle.

Yours truly,
B. CHITTI BABU.

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(76)

BANGALORE, 21*st Nov.* 1901.

Dear Sir,

Having heard that the Imperial Government has at last recognised your services to fellow subjects, by bestowing on you, the honor of the distinguished title of "Rao Bahadur" on the King Emperor's birthday, indeed it has given me a great pleasure and as I was away in village, I therefore take this opportunity of congratulating you on the honor. I trust you will aceept it.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
MAHOMED GHOUSE,
Government Contractor.

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(77)

BANGALORE, 21*st November* 1901.

Dear and Respected Brother,

Many must have congratulated you ere this, on obtaining a distinctive Honour from the Government of

India and although it is late in the day for me to do likewise, yet I offer my gratulations in all sincerity with a prayer to Heaven to preserve your life not only to enjoy the present honour but to obtain higher ones more in keeping with your benevolence and large-heartedness.

I beg to remain,
Dear and Respected Brother,
Your ever obedient and affectionate Brother,
A. N. MURUGESAN.

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(78)

CAMP MADADKERE, HOSDURGA,
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT,
21st November 1901.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you on the well-merited recognition you have received for all your good work. The Government of India have only done their duty to you.

I did not know of the matter when I saw you in Bangalore the other day—my newspapers were here and I was too busy to read them in Bangalore.

I have done my duty though late, on the principle "it is better late than never." I earnestly pray to God that you will live to receive higher honours and enjoy them.

Wishing you excellent health,

I remain,
Yours truly,
V. S. SAMBASIVA IYER.

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(79)

BELLARY, *21st November* 1901.

My dear Brother,

Kindly accept my heartiest congratulation for the

deserving honor of Rao Bahadur bestowed on you by our Ruler. My heart is full of joy when I heard of this.

Yours very truly,

A. V. DORASAWMY.

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(80)

RANGOON,

22nd November 1901.

My Dearest Brother,

As soon as I received a copy of the "Daily Post," I sent you the wire, to which you very kindly responded.

Let me again, from the fullness of my heart, say that the Almightly Sree Krishna Moorthy will bless you with long life and *good health*, to enjoy many more such honors, lying in store for you.

May Lord Tookaram Swamiar bless you with long life and health.

M. VENKATACHELLAM.

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(81)

BANGALORE,

23rd November 1901.

Dear Sir,

I believe I am the last person to congratulate you for having received the Title of "Rao Bahadur," from the Viceroy. As I was absent at Tumkur for a few days I was not able to do so earlier. Hoping that this will find you all in the enjoyment of good health.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. SUBBARAYA MUDALIAR,

Advocate.

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(82)

CHITALDRUG,
23rd November, 1901.

My Dear Sir,

Please allow me to congratulate you on a fitting recognition of your goodness and generosity by the Government of India.

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
M. S. PUTTANNA.

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(83)

ULSOOR,
26th November, 1901.

My Dear Sir,

I am to express through this the greatest pleasure I have and thereby congratulate you most warmly for the title of Rao Bahadur conferred on you by H. E. the Viceroy and it is my wish and prayer that you should enjoy the honor, you well deserve, for a very long period of life

I am,
My Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
V. THONDAVAROYA MUDALIAR,
Retired Officer of P. W. D.

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(84)

"KONARS FOLD,"
MISSION ROAD, PETTAH
26th November, 1901.

Esteemed Patron,

With feelings of respect and heartfelt eagerness I beg

most respectfully to tender you my sincere congratulations on the title of "Rao Bahadur" conferred on you by His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII and Emperor of India for your various acts of unbounded charity.

Your illustrious ancestry, the liberal training that you have received and enlightenment that has characterised your brilliant public career gives me every assurance that there are many such honors in store.

I also join the Public at large in earnest prayer to the Almighty to grant you long life of unshaken health and continued prosperity.

I beg to remain,
Esteemed Patron,
Your most obedient servant,
F. A. S. DAVANBOO KONAR,
ACCOUNTANT,
Comptroller's Office.

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(85)

KOLAR, *26th November*, 1901.

My Dear Mr. Maigandadeva Mudeliar,

I heartily congratulate you on the high honor done to you by the Viceroy and the Government of India in appreciation of your eminent public services to the people of Bangalore, Conjeeveram and other places. How well you deserve not only this title but still higher honors is clearly shown by the way in which the citizens of Bangalore have received the happy news and honoured you.

That Heaven may grant you long life and happiness and enable you to continue in your course of public usefulness, is the sincere prayer of your

True well wisher,
S. MALHARI RAO.

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(86)

D. Street, Cleveland Town,
30th November, 1901.

Dear Sir,

Though late, kindly accept my hearty congratulations on the deserved title you have obtained so worthily from the Viceroy of India.

I am,
Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
H. G. KRISTNA RAO,
Sub-Divn. Dy. Inspector of Schools.

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(87)

Siva Siddhanta Sabha,
Avanashi.

Honored Sir,

We are very glad to see in the paper that you have been conferred a title of "Rao Bahadur" on the birthday of His Majesty Edward VII. Afterwards we remembered Mr. Vijaya Rangam Mudaliar Avargal, who came and gave lectures on the 10th instant.

We beg to remain,
Honored Sir,
Yours sincerely,
(By order) S. NARASIMMIAH,
A Member in the Sabha.

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(88)

Camp Kadur,
2nd December, 1901.

My Dear Sir,

I was exceedingly glad to see in the Newspaper

that the honor of Rao Bahadur had been confered upon you by the King. I am quite sure no one more richly deserves it; for the noble way in which you come forward to help your people in the time of need is worthy of all praise, and is an example that many of your countrymen might well imitate.

I hope you may live long to enjoy this honor, and many more that may follow.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
M. VINCOMBE DAVY.

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(89)

MYSORE, *3rd December*, 1901.

Most honored aud Respected Sir,

It is highly gratifying to me to note that the Government has conferred upon you the well-deserved honor of "Rao Bahadur" title on you and I beg to communicate my warmest and most heartfelt congratulation on the happy news.

I beg to remain,
Most honored and Respected Sir,
Your most obedient and humble Mimic,
A. MAHALINGA IYER.

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(90)

BANGALORE,
5th December, 1901.

My dear Sir,

It is not in the power of my meagre pen to describe how delightfully I make use of this opportunity, to con-

gratulate you upon your getting the title, "Rao Bahadur," which to my greatest satisfaction you so richly deserve. This is an honor conferred on you by the Supreme Authorities in token of the appreciation of your benevolent deeds. I as a friend in duty bound should pray to the All-Merciful God to spare you and your family to strengthen such spontaneous virtues to last for many more years to come.

With my hearty and most sincere congratulations to you in your success.

Yours most obediently and sincerely,

A. NUNJOONDIAH.

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(91)

CHANDRAGIRI,

5*th December*, 1901,

My dear Sir,

I was very pleased to find from the Post card of Brother Rajaratna Moodliar that the Rao Bahadur's title has been received by you. I congratulate you for the honour having been obtained. I further hope you will successively receive the C.I.E. honour soon.

Hoping you are doing well, and with kind regards.

I am, &c.,

Yours very sincerely,

D. SIVAPRASAD.

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(92)

GULBARGA,

6*th Deeember*, 1901.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your

being titled "Rao Bahadur" by His Majesty King Edward VII and which you fully deserve. I was very much pleased to see the same published in the "Hindu" of Madras the other day.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
A. T. NARAYAN.

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(93)

BANGALORE,
6th December, 1901.

Respected Sir,

You have dealt nobly with us; and the same delicacy of mind may perhaps make you averse to receive our sincere thanks and heartfelt congratulations.

Yet you must excuse us, they will have their way: they are indeed but words; yet we know and feel they come from our heart and therefore are not wholly unworthy of your acceptance.

It was a great disappointment to hear that you are not able to receive our address on the 7th instant and to give it up was much more paining; but the thought that you will be happy if we give up the function overpowered us; yet our pliant souls will not retain it long, since we deem it a privilege to offer this token, however slight, of respect, admiration and what is more, the love which, in common with the entire country, we feel for you.

Unwilling to encroach upon your valuable time we now conclude by giving you assurance that we will invoke the Good God to shower down on you His choicest blessings of health, strength and long life, that

you may help and guide your fellow beings. Reiterating our congratulations,

We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
The Members of the United Club.

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(94)

The Philomathic Association.
BANGALORE, 10*th December*, 1901.

Respected and Dear Sir,

I, on behalf of the Members of the Philomathic Association do hereby convey their deep and heartfelt congratulations at the worthy title of "Rao Bahadur" so deservedly conferred upon you by the Government of India in recognition of the manifold philanthropic and charitable acts rendered by you to the country.

May God Almighty grant you long life and prosperity that you may continue to enjoy higher honors and become all the more useful to humanity at large.

I beg to remain,
Respected and Dear Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. THOLASINGA MUDALIAR,
Secretary, Philomathic Association.

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(95)

KULHUTTY ESTATE,
SANTAVERI,
VIA BIRUR, S. M. RY.
10*th January*, 1902.

My Dear Maigandadeva,

You must excuse me not congratulating you earlier

on your receiving the honor of RaoBahadur; through press of business it escaped me. I am indeed proud that one of my friends should have received such an honor, but would have been more proud had it been a C. I. E. which you certainly deserve, and may this be the beginning of numerous fresh laurels to be added to your name, and that you may be long spared to enjoy it. Accept this as my sincere wishes for the new year, and pardon me for being a bit late. Trusting you are well.

Yours sincerely,
W. ST. CLAIR JOHNSON.

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(96)

20, SOUTH PARADE,
BANGALORE, 13*th December*, 1901.

Dear Sir,

I am really very sorry that, owing to a pre-engagement, I shall probably be out of the station and therefore unable to be present at the "At Home" to be given to-morrow, the 14th instant, to witness the presentation to you of a Casket and address, for which I beg you will kindly excuse me.

Allow me to avail myself of this opportunity to offer you my hearty congratulations on your accession to the Title you have so rightly deserved for the many acts of benevolence and public utility you have performed for the good of the Town, and may you long be spared to enjoy the same is my earnest wish.

Yours very Sincerely,
J. W. L. ANDREWS.

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(97)

Respected Brother,

I cannot adequately express to you the immense joy I felt on hearing the most welcome news of the exalted

position you were elevated to by the title of "Rao Bahadhur" conferred upon you by our benign Government on the 60th birthday of His Majesty the King Emperor.

It is evident from the various entertainments given in your honor and the numerous congratulatory addresses presented to you, the esteem and respect with which you are regarded, not only by our community which is so brilliantly adorned by your illustrious career, but also by the public at large; and it is needless for my humble self to say any more of your large charities and the important services you have rendered for the public good.

I now beg leave to convey my heartfelt congratulations to you and with a still brighter career with the beginning of the "Happy New Year" 1902; and conclude with the prayers that Sree Subramaniaswamy may shower His Choicest Blessings on you and whole family.

I remain,
Respected Brother,
Yours Ever Obediently,
B. S. SUBRAMANIA MOODELLIAR.

BANGALORE,
27th Dec. 1901.

Addresses.

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CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS

PRESENTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING

HELD IN THE

S. S. SABHA SCHOOL PREMISES.

ம-ா-ா-ஸ்ரீ ஆ. மெய்கண்ட தேவ முதலியார் இராவ்பகதூர்
அவர்கட்கு மங்கள வாழ்த்து.

ஆசிரிய விருத்தம்.

தார்கொண்ட வரைத்தடந்தோட் சிவபெருமான் செங்கமலத்
தாட்போ தன்டா
நீர்கொண்ட பனவாவி மலர்ந் தருட்டேன் மணங்கமழ
வினைந்து போற்றிச்
சீர்கொண்ட வேதாந்த சித்தாந்த சமரசியாய்த்
திகழ்ந்து வாழும்
கார்கொண்ட பசுமுகினோர் மெய்கண்ட தேவப்பேர்க்
காவ லோய்கேள்.

மனங்குலவு நற்குணத்தா னற்செயலாற் றருமநெறி
வளர்க்கு நீரால்
தனங்குலவு திதிபெருகப் பரோபகா ரம்புரியுந்
தயாளந் தன்னால்
தினங்குலவு மெய்கண்ட தேவதுரைத் தனத்தார்நின்
சீர்க ணோக்கிக்
கனங்குலவு ராவ்பஹதூர் பட்டமினைக் களித்ததற்காக்
களிக்கின் றேனே.

ஆங்கிலமன் னவர்தமக்கு மைசூராள் வேந்தருக்கு
மன்ப னாகி
யீங்கிவர்கண் மதித்திடுமே தகுசீர்கள் பெற்றொளிர்வா
யினைய வாற்றால்

ஓங்கியசௌ ரவப்பட்ட மொன்றடைந்தா யிதனினுமே
லோங்கு பட்டம்
தாங்கிடைக்கப் பெறுவாய் நீ மெய்கண்ட தேவவதிர்
சங்கையின்றே.

அருளாலுங் கொடையாலு மறனாலுந் திறனாலு
மதுல ஞானப்
பொருளாலும் புகழாலு மெழிற்பிரம செறிமறவாப்
புந்திமேவுந்
தெருளாலுந் திகழ்நாராயணசாமிப் பெயர்த்தாதை
சீர்பா ராட்ட
மருளாத மெய்கண்ட தேவசிங்கே றெனவந்தாய்
வாழி நீயே.

இல்லைபெனு மொழிபகரா யேற்பவருக் கீகின்ற
வியற்கை யானீ
வல்லையெனு வாழ்கின்றாய் மண்டலம்வாழ் பசுக்கொண்டன்
மான நின்றாய்
நல்லையெனு வுனைப்புகழ்ந்துன் கேண்மைவிரும் பாதவரு
நாட்டி லுண்டோ
தில்லையினு டகனருள்சேர் மெய்கண்ட தேவ நின்சீர்
சிறக்க மாதோ.

நல்லவயித் தியசாலை கட்டுவித்துக் கருவயிர்க்கு
நல்லார்தங்கள்
அல்லலற வியர்தருமம் புரிந்தனை நீ சிறார்கல்வி
யதுசேர்ந் துய்ய
வல்லகல்விச் சாலைகள்பா லித்திடுவாய் தியாசபிகன்
மாணவைக்குள்
எல்லையில்வே தாந்தநெறி வளர்க்கின்றாய் மெய்கண்டோ
யெழிலி தாமே.

ஐயநின்பேர் மெய்கண்ட தேவனென்பா ரப்பெயர்தா
னருஞ்சை வர்க்கோர்
துய்யகுரு திருநாம மந்திரமாச் சிறந்திடுமென்
சொற்றுன் மெய்பே
வையமிசை யப்பெயர் நீ பூண்டதனுக் கறிகுறியா
வயங்க வொன்று

செய்யவலை யாயினுல குய்யுமிது நனியாய்ந்து
செய்க நீயே.

நண்பர்சிலர் சேர்ந்தன்ன வசந்திசங்கந் தாபித்தார்
நடத்துகின்ருர்
பண்பருள்சித் தாந்த வுணர் வவர்க்கு நல்கச் சந்தனப்பேர்ப்
பாவலோனை
யொண்பரிதி நாடோறும் பிரசங்கஞ் செயநியமித்
துதவு வாயேல்
கண்பலர்க்கு விளங்கவைக்கு முபகாரி நீகாண்மெய்
கண்டவேளே.

வித்தியாதானத்தா னின்குடும்பத் தவருலகின்
மேம்பாடுற்ருர்
புத்தியார் மாணுக்க ரிகத்தினுக்காங் கல்விகற்றுப்
போதா நின்ருர்
சித்தியாம் பரலோக வுணர்வுதருஞ் சமயத்தின்
சிறப்பார் கல்வி
நத்தியா வரு முணர நின்கல்விச் சாலைகளி
னூட்ட னன்றே.

எல்லார்க்கு மெப்போது முபகாரி நீயெனவே
யிலங்கா நின்று
யில்லார்க்குந் துணையாவா யுடையார்க்குந் றுணையாவா
யெனக்கொண்டாடு
நல்லார்க்கு நகையருளுந் தென்ற லொப்பாய் நலம்புரிந்து
நாளும் வாழி
கல்லார்க்குங் களிப்பருள்சோ ஷியல்களப்பிற்
கலந்தொளிர்மெய் கண்ட வேளே.

மருட்பெரு மைக்கண் மடந்தையினின்ப
வாழ்வு சந்தானநீள் விருத்தி
பொருட்பெரும் போகம் பொருந்து தீர்க்காயுள்
புவனிமேன் மிகுபுகழுடம்பு
தெருட்பெருஞ் சவையோர் கேண்மைசித் தாந்தச்சீர்மிகு
திருவருண் ஞானம்
அருட்பெருஞ் சோதி யண்ண லாரருள்வா
ரன்பன்மெய் கண்டதே வனுக்கே.

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மறுமொழி.

கனந்தங்கிய அக்கிராசனுதிபதி அவர்களுக்கும், கனவான்களுக்கும் :

இப்பொழுது, பண்டிதர் அவர்களால் உபன்னியாசஞ் செய்யப்பட்ட கவிகளினுடைய நுட்பப்பொருளை அறிந்து சந்தோஷிக்க என்னிடத்தில் சக்தியாவது, தன்மையாவதில்லை. என்னிடத்திலிருப்பதாய் அதுகளில் குறிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற செய்கைகளும், குணங்களும், அன்பினுல் நீங்கள் உபசாரமாகச்சொன்னதாகத் தெரியவருகிறது. ஆயினும் வெகு ஜனங்கள் எதை உண்டென்று சொல்லுகிருர்களோ, அது அப்பொழுதில்லா விட்டாலும், பின்னிட்டாவது நடக்குமென்று, பெரியவர்கள் சொல்லியிருப்பதால், உங்களுடைய அனுக்கிரகத்தைப் பெற்று அக்குணங்களை அடைய வேண்டுமாய், சர்வேஸ்வரனை பிரார்த்திக்கின்றேன்.

நான் செய்ததாய், சில தர்மங்களையும், பொது நன்மைகளையும், எடுத்துக் காட்டப்பட்டன; ஒன்றேனும் என்னுல் செய்யப்படவில்லை. எங்கள் குலத்தலைவர்களாயும், தற்காலம் மேற்படி குடும்பம் அனுபவிக்கும், சகல நிலைமைக்கும் காரணமாயிருந்தும் இருந்துகொண்டி மிருக்கிற எனது பெரிய தகப்பனுர் அவர்களால், செய்யப்பட்டு அவர்கள் இட்ட கட்டளையை நான் சிரசால், வகித்து செய்ததும், செய்கிறதும், இனிமேல் செய்யப்போவதையும் தவிர, எனக்காக வொன்றையும் செய்ய, அவ்வளவு நுட்ப அறிவாவது, சுதந்தரதையாவது இல்லை. ஆகையால், கனவான்களே! நமது மாட்சிமை தங்கிய இந்தியா கவர்ன்மெண்டவர்களால், எனக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்ட, கௌரவமும், நீங்கள் இப்பொழுது செய்கின்ற உபசாரமும் அவர்களுக்கே தவிர, என்னை சற்றும் சார்ந்ததல்ல.

இப்பொழுது வீற்றிருக்கும் கனம் தங்கிய அக்கிராசனுதிபதி அவர்களுடைய அன்பினுலும், அவர்களால் எனக்கு எப்போதும் எடுத்துக்காட்டப்பட்ட புத்திமதிகளாலும், நானும், என் குடும்பஸ்தர்களும் அடைந்த நன்மையை என்னுல் சொல்லிமுடியாது. ஆகையால் நீங்கள் இன்று செய்யும் கௌரவமும் அவர்களைச் சேர வேண்டியதே தவிர, எனக்குப் பாத்தியமில்லை.

தற்காலத்திலும், இனிமேலும் எங்கள் குடும்பத்துக்கான இடம், பொருள், ஏவல்களால் பொது நன்மைக்கும், இராஜ விசுவாசத்திற்கும் இணங்க என்ன நன்மை செய்யக்கூடுமோ, அவைகளைக் கூடியவரையில் செய்யக் காத்திருக்கிறோம்.

பரமேசுவரனுடைய கிருபையை முன்னிட்டுதான் சகல மனுஷிய பிரயத்தனங்களும் பயன்பட வேண்டியதாதலால், அக்கருணாநிதியின், பரிபூரண கிருபைக்கு பாத்தியப்படும்படியான குணங்களும் செய்கைகளும் என்னிடத்திலும், எங்கள் குடும்பஸ்தர்களிடத்திலும் நிலையாயிருக்க வேண்டுமாய் உங்களுடைய உபசார பத்திரிகையை நான் பெற்றுக்கொண்டு, உங்களுக்கு பூரண மனதுடன் என் வந்தனத்தை அளிக்க உங்களிடம் உத்தரவை மெத்த வினயத்துடன் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

தாங்களெல்லாரும் இன்று எடுத்துக்கொண்ட இச்சிரமத்திற்காக நான் சதா நன்றி யறிந்தவனாக யிருக்கிறேன்.

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BANGALORE,
24th November 1901.

RAO BAHADUR A. MAIGANDADEVA MUDALIAR, ESQ.,
Managing Proprietor of the Mysore
Maharajah's Hall, *Bangalore.*

Dear and Honoured Sir,

With profound regards, we of the staff of the MYSORE MAHARAJAH'S HALL in its various Departments inclusive of the BANGALORE AGENCY, beg leave to approach you in a body, and to offer you our

sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the title of RAO BAHADUR which has been recently conferred on you by HIS EXCELLENCY THE VICEROY AND GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA.

2. We were anxiously waiting for some years past for a suitable occasion to enable us to give an outward expression to our affection towards you, our good and kind Master, and we are greatly indebted to Government for affording us such an opportunity by the conferment of a title of honour in recognition of your valuable services to your countrymen. We, however, now find to our surprise that it is not possible for us to express in words our rejoicings and felicitations on the great honour done to you, because our hearts overflow with joy and our tongues refuse to obey. We beg of you, in such circumstances, to kindly accept our will for the deed.

3. It is needless to mention how good and obliging you have always continued to be, and what perfect good feeling exists between the employer and the employé in the MYSORE HALL. To such of them as have rendered long and approved service, you have magnanimously granted pensions for life, and to most of us, if not all, monetary help has been given for special family purposes, such as marriages, &c. You have ever been lenient and courteous to us all ; you have overlooked our shortcomings ; and indeed you have always been ready to espouse our cause before our respected senior Master. In short, you have closely watched our interests, and we need hardly assure you that your interests will always be ours, and that we will ever remember you with gratitude, and continue to perform the duties that may be entrusted to us with cheerful promptness, as hitherto.

4. In conclusion, we beg once more to offer you our loving congratulations which, we assert, are not less either in magnitude or in sincerity than those which you may have received from other quarters, and we earnestly

pray that God will grant you and your family long life, sound health, and increased prosperity.

We beg to remain,
Dear and Honoured Sir,
Your obedient and dutiful servants,

J. WHERRETT.

W. BAILLIE.

F. SYDENHAM.

T. BHASHYAKARLU NAIDU.

M. RAMANUJAM CHETTY.

A. VENCATACHELLAM.

V. PONNUMBALA MUDALIAR.

KARIBASAPPA.

A. MURUGESAN.

C. R. SWAMINATHAN.

V. MANICKASWAMY MUDALIAR.

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REPLY.

Gentlemen and Friends,

I thank you from the bottom of my heart, for the nice things you have said of me, and of the good feelings you have manifested towards me this day. If I had an inkling of the demonstration you have meant for me, I should certainly have stopped it, for it pains me to find that you have put yourselves to a deal of trouble and expense on my account. The foundation of the firm "Mysore Hall" was laid by my respected uncle, more than fifty years ago and the building was completed by his two worthy brothers; its stability was insured under

the sagacious management of the late Mr. Masilamany Moodaliar, my predecessor, and it has therefore been rendered very easy for me and my brothers, to continue the business in smooth waters. Success, if any, in the present management, is certainly due to the training which I had received from Mr. Masilamany Moodaliar, whose memory will ever be cheristed by me and by my family with gratefulness, and reverence. My uncle is ever ready to give me his ripe experience and good advice, and my brothers heartily co-operate with me in conducting the business and above all you have always shown cheerful willingness to attend to instructions that are given you. Under such favourable circumstances, the credit of the management you have given me does not wholly belong to me.

It gives me great delight to know that you have no cause to find fault with my treatment, and it is comforting to hear from you that perfect good feeling exists between the employer and the employé. It is my conviction, that the secret of success in trade is in this happy relationship between master and servant. It must always be the aim of the master to see that no good work of his employé, is allowed to remain unrecognized; while it must be the object of the servant to serve his best in the interests of his master.

In this connection, some sad recollections occur to me. I miss in this assembly many familiar faces of employés in the Mysore Hall. Some of them have died, while others have retired.

You may have heard of Messers. C. Sadasiva Pillay, Ponnaranga Moodaliar, T. Dashood, O'Brien, Austin, Sweeney, Pownell, Veerasawmy Naidu, Nagappa, Maduray Moodaliar, Takur Singh and Mahomed Husman Saib, who have given their best years of life in the services of this firm, and made a name for themselves, for devotion to the work of their master. I am glad to know that their example is followed by many of you.

I need not say how cordially I accept your loving congratulations and allow me to thank you all once more for your good wishes towards me.

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Conjeeveram,
26*th November* 1901.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure to forward herewith an extract from the proceedings of a public meeting of the citizens of Conjeeveram held on Saturday, the 23rd instant, under the auspices of the local Reading Room.

2. The resolution speaks for itself. I have nothing further to add by way of supplementing the sentiments of joy expressed therein. But I wish to add that you have in every way proved yourself to be a worthy recipient of the mark of distinction conferred on you by our Government.

3. On behalf of myself and on behalf of the public meeting over which I had the pleasure to preside, I send you my hearty congratulations on the happy incident in your life.

I remain, Sir,
Yours very sincerely,
C. RANGA ROW,
Chairman.

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Extract from the proceedings of a public meeting of the citizens of Conjeeveram, held on Saturday, the 23rd instant, under the auspices of the Reading Room with M.R.Ry. C. Ranga Row Avergal, District Munsiff of Conjeeveram, in the chair.

Resolved :—

"That the public of Conjeeveram do place on record their pleasure at the news that M.R.Ry. Maigandadeva Mudaliar Avergal of Bangalore has been honored by the Government with the ensign of "Rao Bhadur" in recognition of his various charitable endowments and they resolve in public meeting assembled to send him a letter of congratulation under the signature of the chairman of this meeting.

(Sd.) C. RANGA RAO,
Chairman.

(True Extract.)

C. RANGA RAO,
Chairman.

26-11-01.

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இது பெங்களூர் தண்டு ம-ள-ள-ஸ்ரீ, மெய்கண்டதேவ முதலியாரவர்கள், ராவ்பஹதூர் பட்டப்பெயர் பெற்றதைக் குறித்து காஞ்சீபுரத்தில் நடந்த உபந்நியாஸம்.

பெரிய அரசர்கள் எல்லாருங் கொண்டாடும் பெங்களூர் தண்டு என்னும் நகரில் வாழும் ம-ள-ள-ஸ்ரீ, மாட்சிமை தங்கிய தரும ரத்னாகரம் ராயபஹதூர்-ஆற்காடு நாராயணசாமி முதலியாரவர்கள் புண்ணியப்பொருளாகிய புத்திரரத்தினம் ம-ள-ள-ஸ்ரீ, விவேக விபாகரம் மெய்கண்ட தேவ முதலியாரவர்களது, நற்குண நற்செய்கையை யுய்த்துணர்ந்து கவர்ன்மெண்டார் சூட்டிய ராவ்பஹதூர் பட்டப்பெயரைக் கேள்வியுற்றும் பத்திரவாயிலாகக் கண்ணுற்றும் பேரானந்தம் அடைந்தனன். இத்தகைய மேலான ராவ்பஹதூர் என்னும் பேர் பெற்ற முதலியாரவர்களது, புகழை யானொருவன் புகல்வதென்னை? உலகமெல்லாங் கொண்டாடுகின்றன. இவர் பிதா, ("தந்தை மகற்காற்று நன்றியவையத்து முந்தி யிருப்பச் செயல்") என்னுங் குறளுக்குப் பொருந்த கல்வி முதலிய நன்னெறிகளைக் கற்பித்துப் பெரியோர் சபையில் முதன்மை பெற வளித்தனர். இவரும் "மகன்றந்தைக் காற்று முதவி யிவன்

றந்தை யென்னேற்றுன் கொல்லென்னுஞ் சொல்") என்னும் பொய்யாமொழிக்கு இணங்க, ராவ்பகதூர் என்னும் இத்தகுமேலான சிறப்பு வாய்ந்த பட்டப்பெயர் பெற்றுத் தந்தைக்குச் செய்யவேண்டிய உபகாரத்தை விளங்கச் செய்தனர். மேலும் தந்தை தேடிய பொருள் தனயனுக்குச் சொந்தமென்பது உலகம் ஒப்புக்கொண்ட விஷயமே. ஆதலின், இவர் பிதா பெற்ற தருமரத்தினாகரம் ராவ் பஹதூர் பெயரும் இவருக்குண்டு என்பதைச் சொல்லவும் வேண்டுமோ? சத்தியம் உள்ளவரிடத்தில் லக்ஷ்மி இருப்பாள். இலக்ஷ்மியிருக்கும் இடத்தில் அவள் பாக்கியம் இருக்கும். அவ்விடத்தில் விஷ்ணுவின் கலையிருக்கும். அவ்வழி மிக்க தயையிருக்கும். ஆண்டே தருமம் வளர்ந்தோங்கும். அதனாலே சத்துரு பலாயனம் உண்டாகும். அது கொண்டு பலமன்னுயிர்களும் க்ஷேமத்தையடையும் என்று ஆன்றோர் கூறுகின்றனர். இவ்வித நன்மையும் சத்தியத்தாலன்றோ? அச்சத்தியத்தின் பிரதிநாமம் மெய்மை ஆதலால், மெய்கண்ட தேவ முதலியார் என்னும் இயற்பெயர் காரணப் பெயராய் அமைந்தது. கவர்ன்மெண்டார் கொடுத்த ராவ்பஹதூர் பட்டப்பெயரையும் கொண்டாடி எனது நாவும் பஹதூர் பெற்றது என்று குதூகலிக்கின்றனன்.

நேரிசை வெண்பா.

தாயெனு நாராய ணசாமி மகமேரு
ராயபஹதூர் நயந்தளித்த—சேயனுயர்
மெய்கண்ட தேவச் செவ்வேள் ராவ்பஹ தூர்பேர்
வையம்புகழு மகிழ்ந்து,

வாழ்க. சுபம்.
இங்ஙனம்,
காஞ்சீமனோகரன்.

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ம-ா-ா-ஸ்ரீ ராவ்பஹதூர் ஆ. மெய்கண்டதேவ முதலியார் அவர்கள், ம-ா-ா-ஸ்ரீ ஜவுளி தி. பெருமாள் முதலியார் கிரஹத்திற்கு விஜயம் செய்தகாலத்தில் அவருக்கு அளித்த பஞ்சரத்நம்.

கழிநெடில் ஆசிரியவிருத்தம்

1. பொன்மலியு மளகையம் பதியனைய பெங்களூர்
   பொருந்திவாழும்

முன்மலியு மறைமுடிவிற் றிரண்டிலகு மெய்கண்ட
தேவனே நின்
பின்மலிய வடியரகம் வருபயப்பாற் றுளும்புகளி
பேசற்பாலோ
மின்மலியு மதிவியல்நேர் முகவள்ளலே மதியே
மருகைமாறே.

2. வில்லணியு மணிமகுட முடிகொள்மன் னவர்மதிப்ப
விளங்குமேலோய்
எல்லணியுங் கடிகமழ்செங் கமலமலர் திருவருணேக்
கெதிர்கொள் சீலோய்
வல்லணியு மரசர்குழாம் வணங்கும் வைசி ராய்மகிழும்
வளமை பூண்டோய்
சொல்லணியாற் பொருட்டதும்பப் பாபுனைசீ ரியர்புகழ்நற்
கீர்த்தி பெற்றேய்.

3. நலந்திகழ் **ஆ-நாராயணசாமி** எஞ்ஞான்று
நவினன் மார்க்கம்
புலந்திகழப் பற்றியொழு கியவாற்றுற் கௌரவமாம்
பயன் பயக்கும்
பொலந்திகழ்மஹ ராவ்பஹதர்என் பெயர்கொண்ட
பெருமைப்பிர பாவமென்னும்
வலந்திகழ் வண்மை வழுத்தலெங் கடனல்
வழுத்தினமுளமு வந்துனையே.

4. திருவளர் கல்வி புகழ்வலி நுகர்ச்சி துணிவொடு
நோயின்மை நல்லூழ்
மருவளர் நெல்நன் மக்கள்பொன் னழகு மானிலந்
துதியறிவிளமை
செருவளர் வெற்றி பெருமையும் வாழ்நாள் சிறந்தவிவ்
வெண்ணிரண் டடைந்து
குருவளர்கொடையிற் குவலயத் துவமை
கூறவுமிலையென வாழ்வாய்.

5. அறப்பொரு ளின்பம் வீடெனுநான்கி லடைந்தனே
மூன் றுவீ டடைய
திறப்பெறு திவ்ய தியாசபி சங்கந் திடமுடன்
சேர்த்துழைத் தனையால்

நிறந்தரு மெய்ச்சிவ ஞானயோ கியர்க ளேசநின்
மலநிலை யெய்த
மறந்தரு ஞோளோய், மாநில மதனில் மாய்கையை
யொழிக்கவாழ் குவையே.

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To

RAO BAHADUR A. MAIGANDADEVA MOODR., ESQ.

Honored Sir,

We feel much obliged to you for the kindness with which you consented to be present this evening amidst us, the members of "ANNA BAI'S RECREATION CLUB," and we beg leave to offer you our hearty congratulations on the distinction which you have received at the hands of the British Government on the last Birthday of His Gracious Majesty, the Emperor of India.

The objects of this club, as you may be aware, are to provide means for the physical and mental education of its members and it is on this account that the Club is associated with the name of that noble lady, Mrs. Annie Besant, who is so well-known to be one of the staunch advocates of such education India has had up to-day. Our institution is composed chiefly of persons who have been called upon to undertake family burden before their collegiate course has been completed and who have thus been deprived of that necessary joint education. Newspapers and magazines are sent for, and occasional lectures are arranged, while, for physical exercise, lawn tennis is at present provided. At start, there was no suitable building to locate the Club, and remembering what our teachers had said in our school days, that you had been, while in College, a good batsman and a successful bowler in cricket, and finding ourselves that you are even now taking prominent part at tennis, the idea fortunately occurred to us that we should approach you on the

subject. A deputation accordingly waited upon you, and, with your wonted liberality, you have been graciously pleased to let us have, at a nominal rent, the use of this centrally and conveniently located building with its attached compound. On the day on which this help was shown to us, your name was added in our books as Patron of the Institution.

It will now be apparent to you that we are not without reason in rejoicing over the bestowal of the well-merited title of honour upon you, and we need hardly assure you that we will ever be grateful to you for all the past favours, and that we will always be ready to comply with such advice as you may wish to offer to us from time to time for our guidance. It is our earnest prayer that you will always continue to be a friend of the poor people and of the institutions maintained by them.

With profound regards,

We beg to remain,

Honored Sir,

Your obedient and grateful Servants,

MEMBERS OF THE ANNA BAI'S RECREATION CLUB.

BANGALORE, 1*st December* 1901.

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REPLY.

Gentlemen and Friends,

Having done very little to your club I wish you had not taken all this trouble on my account. Much as I desire, that I am let alone, it pains me as much to refuse an invitation which proceeds from my young friends, with good will towards me.

I have always taken great interest, in school sports and games and I thank you, for bringing to my memory those happy school days of mine. It gives me great

pleasure to be of some use or other, to movements like yours and I shall always be ready to do as much as it lies in my power to further the interests of your association.

It is gratifying to hear, that you meet here to improve yourself in physical and mental exercises and I trust you have benefitted yourselves by such meetings. It is rather discouraging to observe, that in these days, Physical and Mental Education have gone far ahead of Moral and Spiritual Education. Progress in all these directions, should proceed *pari-passu*, if true elevation of mankind is desired. It is time enough for you to take up morality as a special object of your institution. If we are not truth-loving, straightforward, honest and unselfish, we cannot hope to become good citizens. I thank you all once more, Gentlemen, for your good wishes and for the address which you have so kindly presented to me in a very handsome casket.

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To

RAO BAHADUR A. MAIGANDADEVA MOODALIAR,
Honorary Secretary,
Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's Institutions, Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

We, the teachers, and past and present students of Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's Institutions, have assembled here this evening to present to you our sincere and hearty congratulations on the honour conferred on you by His Majesty the King Emperor, who has bestowed on you the title of Rao Bahadur on the celebration of His Sixtieth Birthday.

That your large charities, and the important and gratuitous services you have at various times and in many ways rendered to the Government, have marked you out as a worthy recipient of such an honour is well known to every resident in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore. As a Municipal Commissioner and an Honorary Magistrate, you have for many years displayed a disinterested public spirit with credit to yourself and much benefit to your fellow citizens. During the recent epidemic of Plague, when even men of education and position were leaving the station in a state of panic, you were one of the few who stuck manfully to their post and rendered to the Government much needed aid at a time of dire distress. It is in recognition of these services as well as of your munificent donations to the Lady Curzon Hospital and other institutions that the honour on which we congratulate you, has been bestowed by His Majesty.

It is, however, in your capacity as the Honorary Secretary to Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's Institutions that we more especially find cause to rejoice with you on this occasion. You have as Honorary Secretary to the Educational Charities founded by your benevolent and much revered uncle, Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, been brought into close and intimate relations with the teachers, and past and present students of the above Institutions, and there is not one of us here present who does not regard you in the light of a friend and patron.

We therefore cannot but feel the most sincere and heartfelt joy on an event which has added its bright lustre to the already famous name of the family of Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar—a name which is a household word in Bangalore and held by its inhabitants in the deepest love and esteem.

We feel that the honour conferred on you reflects some portion of its glory on the Educational Institutions under your management.

We beg once again that you will be pleased to accept our sincere and heartfelt congratulations, and we pray that you may be blessed with a long and prosperous life to enjoy not only the dignity now conferred, but others still more exalted that, we feel sure, await you in the future.

We beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours with much respect and esteem,
THE TEACHERS AND PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS,
R. B. A. N. M.'s Institutions,
Bangalore.

BANGALORE,
7th December 1901.

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A POETICAL CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS.

1. Now gather all our brethren here
   For love of one who stands this day
So high in hearts, so loving, so dear
   To crown him with fresh laurels gay.

2. For him whose acts of kindness found
   Recognition at Edward's Court;
Whose simple manners, gentle, sound
   Gave none occasion for sport;

3. Who trifled nev'r a poor man's wants,
   Nor rolled in purple ev'r swam high
In th' tide of human waves; whose grants
   Of money to the youth doth buy.

4. In school at home, and orphanage
   Their love for ever and a day;
Whose care for th' sick in youth and age
   Be tho' their creed whatever may.

5. Hath raised a mansion where may rest
   The poor invalids till they grow

Convalescent from their sick-bed blest;
For him we meet our love to show.

6. Say would our life a blessing be,
If love of self were all the love,
Who would Maigandadevan see
To-day a Rao Bahadur move?

7. For such a one still nations fain
Raise trophies as their humble meed,
Not that memorials, titles vain
Rath'r make the man than doth the deed.

8. What's in a title for a name
When merit bids farewell to live,
Riches carves not the road to fame
'Tis rather much the will to give.

9. The envied Rand or Ooregum
More famous far had been and dear
Than Tata, Carnegie or some
Whose names echo from far and near.

10. As names do show such one is meant,
As voice doth prove such one is near,
As tongue its race doth represent,
So titles dub some virtues clear.

11. Maigandadevan, then, go forth
Full of the honor, love and praise,
Full of our blessings for thy worth,
Go forth, go forth, the world to face.

12. And may this high esteem for thee
Which good King Edward hath thus shown,
Incite thee ev'r to strive to be
Still greater, nobler than thou'rt known.

R. B. A. N. M.'s INSTITUTIONS,
BANGALORE,
7th December 1901.

HAIGNAR,

A past student.

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பெங்களூர் தண்டு,
1901ஷ டிசம்பர்மீ 8உ.

ம-ா-ா-ஸ்ரீ, முதலியாரவர்கள் ராவ்பஹதூர் ஆ. மு. மேய்கண்டதேவ முதலியாரவர்கள் திவ்ய சமுகத்திற்கு விண்ணப்பம்.

அன்புள்ள சகோதரரே !

மாக்ஷிமை தங்கிய நமது இந்திய சக்ரவர்த்தி யவர்களால் "ராவ்பஹதூர்" என்னும் கௌரவப்பட்டம் அளிக்கப்பெற்ற தங்களுக்கு இவ்வூர் இந்துவர்த்தகர்களாகிய நாங்கள் எங்களுக்குள்ள ஆனந்தத்தையும் விசுவாசத்தையும் தெரிவிக்கும் பொருட்டு இப்போதிங்கு ஒருங்குகூடிய கூட்டத்தில் விஜயஞ்செய்ய வேண்டுமென விரும்பிய எங்கள் வேண்டுகோளுக்கிசைந்து வந்த தங்களுக்கு அநேககோடி வந்தனம்.

இவ்வூர் வர்த்தகர்களுக்குள் தங்களுக்குரிய சிறந்த வர்த்தகத்திலும், அதற்குத் தக்க மிருதுவான நடைநொடி வார்த்தைகளிலும், வர்த்தகாளுக்கு வேண்டிய வளாயில் உதவி செய்துவரும் ஊக்கத்திலும் மிகவும் மேன்மைபொருந்தி இருக்கின்றீர்கள்.

இவ்வூரில் உந்நதமான சத்திரமும் அநாதார பாடசாலையும், திருக்குலத்தார் பாடசாலையும், ஆண் பெண் பாடசாலைகளும், தேவாலயங்களும், காஞ்சீபுரத்தில் பெண் பாடசாலையும், போதுமான திரவிய முதலுடன் ஏற்படுத்தி அழியாத கீர்த்தியை வகித்திருக்கும் தங்கள் பெரிய தகப்பனுர் கனம் இராயபஹதூர் தர்மரத்நாகரம் ஆற்காடு நாராயணசாமி முதலியாரவர்களது குலத்தில் திலகமணியாகத் தோன்றி மேற்படி தருமகாரியங்களை யெல்லாம் வழுவற நடாத்தி வருகின்றீர்கள்.

ஏழை ஸ்திரீகள் சுகஜீவிகளாய் மகவுகளை ஈன்று வாழும்படி ஓர் வைத்திய சாலையையும் ஏற்படுத்தியிருக்கின்றீர்கள்.

தெய்வ சங்கல்பத்தால் இவ்வூரில் நேர்ந்திருக்கும் பிளேக் வியாதியின் பொருட்டு அதிகாரிகளுடன் கலந்து யோசனை செய்து அவர்களில் முதன்மையாக விருந்து சட்டங்களின் பாதையை நீக்கி இவ்வூர் ஹிந்து மகமதியர்களால் தக்க மதிப்பும் பேரும் பெருமையும் பெற்றிருக்கின்றீர்கள்.

ஆரிய மதத்தின் சாராம்சங்களை யெல்லாம் எடுத்துக்கூறத்தக்க சாஸ்திரிகளாலும், பக்திமான்களாலும் அடிக்கடி உபந்நியாசங்களை நடப்பித்துக் கொண்டும் வருகின்றீர்கள்.

இவ்வித தரும குணங்களுக் கிசைந்தவாறே கடவுள் திருவருளால் இப்போது தங்களுக்கு அளிக்கப்பெற்ற கௌரவப்பட்டத்தின் மிகு மகிழ்ச்யின் பொருட்டு தங்கள் வாசஸ்தலத்தின் வர்த்தகர்களாகிய நாங்கள்தான் ஆனந்திக்க சுதந்தர முடையவர்களே யன்றி, வேறல்ல. ஆகையால் எங்களுக்குண்டா யிருக்கிற சந்தோஷத்தையும், விசுவாசத்தையும் இவ்வள வென்றளவிட்டுச் சொல்ல ஆனந்த சாகரத்தி லமிழ்ந்திருக்கும் எங்களது நாவு இடங்கொடாமையால் அசக்தர்களாகி இம்மட்டில் நிருத்துகிறோம்.

தயவுசெய்து இந்த விசுவாசப்பத்திரிகையை அங்கீகரித் தேற்றுக் கொள்ளும்படி தங்களை கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுவதுடன், தங்களுக்கும் தங்கள் குடும்பஸ்தர்களுக்கும் நீடூழிகாலம் நோயற்ற வாழ்வும், குறைவற்ற செல்வமும் மென்மேலும் வளர்ந்தோங்குமாறு மனப்பூர்வகமாய் ஜகதீஸ்வரனை நோக்கிப் பிரார்த்திக்கின்றோம்.

இங்ஙனம்
பெங்களூர் தண்டு இந்து வர்த்தகக் கூட்டத்தாரின்
கமிட்டி மெம்பர்கள்.

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மறுமொழி.

எனது சகோதரர்காள் !

உங்களால் எனக்கு இப்பொழுது அளித்த உபசாரப் பத்திரிகையை நான் மனப்பூர்வமாய் பெற்றுக்கொண்டு என் வந்தனத்தை உங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க உங்களுடைய அநுமதியை வேண்டிக் கொள்ளுகிறேன். இதற்குமுன் அனேக இடங்களில் என் விஷயமாய் நடந்த மரியாதை ஏற்பாடுகளைக் காட்டிலும், இன்று நீங்கள் செய்ததானது ஓர் விசேஷக்குறிப்போடு கூடியிருக்கின்றது. அதாவது வர்த்தகத்தில் முயன்று அதன் மூலமாய் நம் ஒருவர்க்கொருவர் ஏற்பட்ட பாத்தியதை ஒரு குடும்ப ஸ்தர்களின் பாந்தவ்யம் போலிருப்பதால், உங்களை என்னைப்போல் பாவித்தும் உங்களுடைய சந்தோஷ வசனங்களையும் மரியாதைகளையும் நிரம்ப சகோதரவாத்

ஸல்லியத்துடன் நான் பெற்றுக்கொண்டு அடைந்த ஆனந்தத்தை வெளியிட்டுச்சொல்ல என்னால் முடியவில்லை. ஆகையால் நண்பர்களான நீங்கள் என்னுடைய மனோபாவத்தை யறிந்து கொண்டு என்னை உங்கள் சகோதரனாக பாவிக்கக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

கல்விப்பயிற்சி சாலைகளையும் சத்திரம் முதலான தர்மங்களையும் ஸ்தாபித்து அதின் அபிவிர்த்திக்காகத்தகுந்த ஏற்பாடுகளையும் செய்த எங்கள் கூடஸ்தரான கனம் பொருந்திவ எனது பெரிய தகப்பனாரவர்களால் ஏவுதல் செய்யப்பட்ட கட்டளையை செய்யும்படியான பாக்கியம் எனக்கு ஏற்பட்டதை நினைத்து நான் அளவிடாத சந்தோஷத்தில் மூழ்கியிருக்கிறேன். அவர்களது அநுக்கிரகந்தான் உங்களுக்கு என்னிடம் அபிமானம் ஏற்படுவதற்கும் கவர்ன்மெண்டாரவர்கள் என்னை கௌரவப்படுத்தினதற்கும் அதன் நிமித்தியமாய் நீங்களெல்லோரும் இப்பொழுது ஒன்று சேர்ந்து என்னை மரியாதை பண்ணுவதற்கும் காரணமே தவிர வேறில்லை.

உலக வாழ்க்கையின் நன்மைக்கும் இராஜாங்கத்தின் உதவிக்கும் வர்த்தகமே முதற்காரணம். அவ்வியாபாரத்தை நடத்துகிறவர்கள் ஒருவர்க்கொருவர் நேசராயிருந்து நேர்நெறியாய் நடந்து ஈஸ்வரனுடைய கட்டளைக்கடங்கி நடந்தால், அன்னிலைமைக்கு சமானம் கௌரவமானது வேறொன்றையும் ஒப்பிடக்கூடாது. அப்பேர்ப்பட்ட நல்லெண்ணமும் ஊக்கமும் சேர்க்கையும் தண்டிலுள்ள நமக்குள் இருக்கிறதென்பது நீங்கள் இன்று செய்யும் வாச்சல்ய நடவடிக்கைகளே விளக்குகின்றது.

இவ்விதமே சர்வேஸ்வரனுடைய கிருபையால் மேல் மேலும் நமது நட்பு விருத்தியடைந்து உங்கள் வகை மனிதனாய் நான் பொது நன்மைகளைச் செய்யவும் வியாபாரத் தொழிலை முன்னுக்குக் கொண்டுவரவும் நான் பாத்திரவானாக இருக்கும்படி வர்த்தக சகோதரர்களான உங்களுடைய ஆசீர்வாதத்தை வேண்டுகிறேன்.

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To

Rao Bahadur A. Maigandadeva Mudaliar, Avl.

Dear Sir,

We have much pleasure in offering you our sincere congratulations on the bestowal on you by the Government of India of the title of "Rao Bahadur."

The honor done to you may be regarded as an honor to the Station in which you have unostentatiously worked for the good of the citizens, and is, we are assured, much appreciated by one and all of them. You have in a very quiet way succeeded in winning the regard and esteem of the people amongst whom you live by the good and charitable works you have done for them and it must be particularly gratifying to your esteemed uncle Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Moodaliar that he is able to see in you a worthy successor who will respectfully maintain the reputation he has earned by various philanthropic acts of his own and will cause his memory to live long and be cherished by the present and future generations of the Station.

In conclusion we beg you to accept this small token of our sincere regard and esteem and we hope that you will be spared long to be always a blessing to your fellow creatures.

We remain,
Your sincere Friends,
H. ABRAHAM.
V. GUNGATHARA CHETTY.
B. P. ANNASAWMY MUDALIAR.
A. AGA ABDULLA.
DINSHAW BILLIMORIA.
W. H. JOHNSON.

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REPLY.

Ladies, Gentlemen and my good friends,

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kindly feeling you have displayed towards me this evening.

I thought when I was asked to be present here that it was the desire of my good friends to meet me in a quiet and social way, but it pains me to see that you should have put yourselves to considerable trouble on my account to express your rejoicings in a public manner and in this magnificent fashion on the honor done to me by Government.

It is of course very gratifying nay very flattering to me to see that I should be feted on all sides, and presented with addresses of congratulation by different communities, amidst whom I had the privilege of moving.

You have really flattered me in your address. I feel, however, proud to hear that the little that I have been able to do for the public cause with the sanction of my uncle and the head of my family has merited the appreciation of my fellow-citizens. In all what I have done, I have seldom failed to consult my friends as you are aware, and, but for your wholesome advice which you have so readily and cheerfully given to me, my work would assuredly not have attracted the attention of the authorities.

I beg to express once more, my heartfett thanks to you for the address which you have now presented to me in so beautiful a casket. I shall never forget your friendly act and as I can't proceed further, because I am transported with joy at this united demonstration which you, my kind friends, have arranged, please allow me to take my seat.

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To

M. R. Ry.

RAO BAHADUR A. MAIGANDADEVA MUDALIAR AVL.,
F.T.S. *of Bangalore.*

Sir,

We beg to avail ourselves of this opportunity of your visit to our city to tell you how deeply we love you and how heartily we rejoice at the recent distinction conferred on you by Government in recognition of your valuable deeds of good to your fellow-men. Indeed, Sir, we feel that the honour should have been conferred on you long before. Your various acts of enlightened benevolence are, and will for ever be, green in our minds. To name but a few, we have followed your valuable services to the cause of education from so late as the year 1892 when the foundation of your primary school for children was laid by His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne. We have noted with gratitude and pride the chivalrous enthusiasm with which you threw yourself heart and soul in the attempts to stamp out the plague in the year 1898. We also remember how on the same occasion you started a system of free medical help to the poor with, in some cases, the supply of provision besides. We have observed with affectionate interest your timely gift to Bangalore in the year 1900 of the Lying-in Hospital in loving memory of your noble wife Sivagangammall. We feel no less warmly when we remember how much and how well you have studied the needs of your fellows, as is seen in your generous assistance to poor widows. Above all, the management of your several institutions of good for which the Government and the public cannot be too grateful to you and yours draws our most unstinted admiration and affectionate esteem.

Sir, by your various acts of kindness to your servants such as generous treatment during service, and, sometimes, also old age pensions on retirement, you have shown yourself to be an exemplary master. By your thoughtful and, at the same time, liberal relief in times of distress, as also by your deeds of silent good to the needy such as your institutions for the backward classes, you have proved yourself a true philanthropist. By your readiness to associate in public movements and your various acts of help to the Government of Mysore as well as by your sturdy devotion to duty in the discharge of your functions both as Bench Magistrate and Municipal Councillor you have entitled yourself to the opinion of the Government and the people as being a highly able and truly loyal citizen.

Sir, our hearts are too full for further expression of our admiration of and our love for you. We love you with a love that knows no bounds, we admire you profoundly for your excellent qualities of head and heart, we thank God that He has been pleased to vouchsafe you for the benefit of His children ; and we fervently pray that He may bless you with long life and endow you with vigorous health and strength so that you may be further useful to your fellow-creatures.

We are,

Sir,

Your loving friends and admirers,

(Sd.) C. MOONOOSAWMY MUDALIAR & OTHERS.

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மகாகனம் பொருந்திய இராவ்பஹதூர் ஆ. மெய்கண்டதேவ முதயாரவர்கள் மீதியற்றிய திருமங்கள வசந்த வண்ணக் கொத்து வஞ்சித்துறை பதம்.

ஏந்திசைச்சொல் வெண்பா.

பொன்னிலகு நன்னிலமாம் பொற்பாறு காடுபுகழ்
தென்னிலகு மெய்கண்ட தேவரெனு—மன்னவா
நன்னயமா ராய்பஹதூர் நற்பட்டம் பூண்டதினல்
பன்னுதிரு மிப்பதத்தைப்பார்

இராகம்-கல்யாணி. தாளம்-ஆதி-அடதாளச் சாப்பு.

பல்லவி.

மகா ராஜ ராஜேந்திரா ! மனமகிழ்ந்தருள்வாயே
மகாராஜ ராஜேந்திரா !

அநுபல்லவி.

மணமங்கள லங்கிர்த இங்கித ரஞ்சித சுந்திர
மகாராஜ ராஜேந்திரா !

சரணங்கள்.

அகிலலோகப்பிரதாப வஜீகரா
ஆநந்தபூரண ஞான திவாகரா
சகல லோக ஜன வந்தித தோத்ரா
சாமவேதகியான துரந்தரா
இகலு மின்மை யறவருளுஞ் சற்பாத்ரா
இன்பந்தந் தெனையாளுமுதாரா
சுகிர்த சுசில சுபலக்ஷண சுமுக
சுமானச குணச்சந்த்ரா
ஜொலித கிரீட குண்டல தரனெனவரு
சொர்ணஜ புஜமந்த்ரா
இகாநந்த பூரணசிலை மாமுயெங்கு
மோது மிக ராயபாஹதூரா
தகுசிதான குணதானவதாரா
தந்தை சொற்கடவா தயை சுகுணகரா
அமிர்தவசனகுண வலங்கிர்தரூபா
அம்புவி யோர்க்கருளான சற்பாத்ரா

சகலஞான சாஸ்திர சம்பன்ன
　　சததளமுக வஜீகர மெய்கண்ட தேவா
சர்வ மங்கள லங்கிர்த காரா
　　தர்மதானபரோபகார　　　　(மகாராஜ)

இஃது சிவசமுத்திர ஜாகீர் சமஸ்தான பண்டிதராகிய இந்து சபா காரியாதிபதி சி. நாராயணசாமி செட்டியாராலியற்றியது.

30-3-1902.

பெங்களூரிலிருக்கும் ராயபஹதூர் ம-ா-ா-ஸ்ரீ, ஆ. நாராயண சாமி முதலியார் குமாரர் ராய்பஹதூர் ம-ா-ா-ஸ்ரீ மெய் கண்ட முதலியார் பேரில் புகழ்ச்சிப்பாக்கள்.

நேரிசை வெண்பா.

ஆனை முகத்தோனை யைந்து கரத்தோனை
மானைத் தரித்தோன் மகன்றன்னை —மானபுகழ்க்
கஞ்சமலர் தாளானைக் கண்ணுதலைக் கற்பகத்தை
நெஞ்சே நினைந்திடுவாய் நீ.

ஆசிரிய விருத்தம்.

சீர்கொண்ட கன்னனற் கமுகுதெங் கொடுசூதந்
　　திகழ்செந்நெ லங்கழனிசூழ்
பேர்கொண்ட மயிலைதனி லத்தியைப் பெண்ணுருப்
　　பிறங்கிடச் செய்தகுருவாம்
ஏர்கொண்ட திருஞான சம்பந்தர் முதன்மூவ
　　ரின்புகழ்த் தமிழோதிய
பார்கொண்ட முப்பா னிரண்டுசிவ னுறைதலம்
　　பரவுமாத் தொண்டைநாட்டில்.
சீதளச் சாகரஞ் சூழவனி யோங்கியே
　　தேடருங் கவிஞர்முதலோர்
தீதுபுரி மிடிமைகெட வேதருஞ் செல்வர்வாழ்
　　தேசங்க ளிற்சிறந்து
தாதுபூஞ் சோலைகுளிர் வாவிநிறை மங்களச
　　டாரண்ய மாகுநகரின்
நீதியாஞ் சைவசம யந்தனிற் சார்ந்தவன
　　னீணிலத் தவர்புகழுவோன்.

பேருலக ளந்ததிரு மாற்பெயர் தரித்துமேற்
பிஞ்ஞகற் கடிமைபூண்டுஞ்
சீரினேமி கத்தருந் திருவுடைச் சேய்களாஞ்
செம்மைமெய் கண்டவண்ணல்
நேரிலைய முருகேசன் ராசசுந் தரமூர்த்தி
நிலமைசேர் புதல்வருடனும்
பேரினெடு ராயபக தூர்பட்ட மேற்றுப்
பெட்பினே டினிதுவாழ்ந்தும்.
செப்பிடுஞ் சாமுண்டி நஞ்சுண்டி யருளினைச்
சேர்ந்தமை சூரினிறையால்
ஒப்பிலாத் தருமரத் ஞகரமெ னும்பட்ட
முற்றநற் சுகுணஞகித்
தப்பிலா தெவர்களு மதிக்கவே நாடொறுந்
தவமிகப் பெற்றவற்கே
யிப்புவியின் மைந்தனுய் ராயபக தூரென்ன
வேற்றபட் டம்பெற்றுமே.
தேர்ந்திடுஞ் சாந்தமுந் தருமகுண சீலமுஞ்
சீர்த்திதரு நூற்றிறலுளாய்
சார்ந்திடு பெங்களூ ரிற்றரும சாலையுஞ்
சாற்றுங்கல பாஷைமுதலாம்
ஆர்ந்திடுங் கல்விநற் சாலைபல வன்பினே
டரிவையர்க லாசாலையும்
ஓர்ந்தவய லார்க்கென்று பாடசா லைகளுட
னுறும்ப்ரம சமாஜமுடனே.
தருமமுத வெளியவர்க் கமுதூட்டு போதனு
சாலையொன் றுறவமைத்தும்
உரிமையாய்த் தன்பத்தினி சிவகங்கை பேரிஞு
லோதுமக வைப்பெற்றிடும்
அருமையாந் தருமவைத் தியசாலை யொன்றையு
மமைத்துநற் காஞ்சிநகரில்
ஒருமையாங் கன்னியரின் தருமசா லையுமொன்று
மோங்கிடச் செய்த புகழோய்.

வாழ்த்து.

கையினின் மழுவொன் றேந்திக் கயிலைநா தனையே போற்று
மெய்கண்ட வள்ளா னீயும் விரும்கின் சுற்றம் யாவும்

பொய்ம்மைதீர் முனிசா மிப்பேர் புகழ்செங்கை நண்ப னோடு
சைவமு மகிழ்ந்தே யோங்கித் தரணியில் வாழ்க மாதோ.

உபாயாசிரியர்-மஹாவித்வான் காஞ்சிபுரம்-சீ-சபாபதி முதலியா ரவர்கள் குமாரர், ம-ா-ா-ஸ்ரீ, கா-பாலசுப்பிரமணிய முதலியாரா லியற்றியன.

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ம-ா-ா-ஸ்ரீ, இராவ்பஹதூர் ஆ. மெய்கண்டதேவ முதலியாரவர்கள் திவ்ய சமுகங்கட்கு.

அன்புள்ள ஐயா!

சைவாகம விதிப்படி சுத்தசாட்குண்ணிய பரிபூரண ஞான மூர்த்தியாகிய பரமபதி சிவபெருமானே யென்று துணிந்தவரும், இரக்கம், வாய்மை, கொடை முதலிய புண்ணியங்களை யுடையவரும், விபூதிருத்திராட்சப் பிரியரும், ஸ்ரீ பஞ்சாட்சர ஜெபத்தொடு சிவத் தியானம் சிவாலய சேவைமுதலிய முறையிலிருப்பவரும், அநாதி மலமுத்தராகிய சிவபெருமான் அநாதிமலபெத்தராகிய ஆன்மாக்கள் தம்மையறிந்து வழிபட்டுய்யுமாறு அநாதியே திருவாய் மலர்ந்தருளிய வேதம் சிவாகமம் என்னுமிரண்டினுள், வேதத்தின் ஞான காண்டப் பொருளாகிய தேவாரம் திருவாசகம், சிவாகமத்தின் ஞானகாண்டப் பொருளாகிய சந்தான குரவரது சிவஞானபோதம் (பதினன்கு சாஸ்திரம்) முதலிய அரிய நூல்களினுட்பொருளை ஓதி உணரும் நியதி தவறுதலில்லாதவரும், தமிழ் மணம் எங்கும் கமழ வேண்டுமென்னும் அவா மேலீட்டினுல் சன்மார்க்க சங்கங்களுக்கு உதவி புரிபவரும், மாகேசுரபூஜை (அன்னதானம்) மிகப்பரிவுடன் நடத்துவிப்பவரும் அருட்பழப்பேற்றினுக்காகப் பருவத்தே பயிர் செய்து வருபவருமாகிய தங்களது விடாமுயற்சியின் ஊக்கத்தினுல், தங்களது பெரிய தந்தையாகிய மகாகனம் பொருந்திய இராயபஹதூர் தருமரத்தினுகரம் ஆ. நாராயணசாமி முதலியார் அவர்களது புகழத்தக்க தருமங்களாகிய உள்ளூர் வெளியூர் (திருஏகம்பம்) கல்விச்சாலைகள் சத்திரங்கள் செவ்வனே நடைபெற வெகு வினயத்துடன் நடத்திவருந் திறத்தினைக்கண்டும், தங்களது ஆசிர்வாதம் பெற்று இலட்சுமீகரமாய் தங்களைப்பிரிந்து சிவகதி பெற்றிருக்கும் தங்களது முதற்றருமபத்தினியாகிய ஸ்ரீமதி சிவகங்கை அம்மாளவர்களின் ஞாபகக்குறியாகக் கட்டுவித்த வைத்தியசாலையினுல் பலரடையும் நன்மையைக்கருதியும், அதே தாயவர்கள் பெயரால் இச்

சங்கத்தில் விளங்கும் "**ஸ்ரீமதி சிவகங்கையம்மாள் புத்தகச் சாலை**" முதலிய பெருஞ்சிறப்பு வாய்ந்த பரோபகாரங்களின் நன்னோக்கங்களை யறிந்தும், மற்றும் பொதுஜன நன்மையின் பொருட்டுத்தாங்கள் ராஜாங்கத்தாருக்காக உழைத்துவரும் மேன்மையை நன்கு அபிமானித்தும், நம்மை இதோபதேசத்துடன் ஆளும்படியான ஆங்கிலேய அரசாட்சியின் சக்கிரவர்த்தியாகிய மாட்சிமை மிக்க ஏழாவது எட்வர்டு அவர்களால் பிரியப்பட்டுத் தங்களுககு அளிக்கப்பட்ட **இராவ்பகதூர்** கௌரவப்பட்டம் தங்களுக்குரியதொரு பேரணிகலமாக விளங்குதலைக்கண்டு அளப்பரும் ஆனந்தமுள்ளவர்களாய் தங்களுக்கு மென்மேலும் ராஜாங்கத்தாரது நன்கு மதிப்பு கிடைக்கவேண்டுமென்றும் தங்களுக்கும் தங்களது மேல் குறிக்கப்பட்ட கிளைஞர்களுக்கும் சகல சம்பத்தும் தீர்க்காயுளும் பெருக உண்டாக வேண்டுமென்று **ஸ்ரீகாளகண்ட சதுர்ப்புஜ திரிநேத்ர, சந்திரசேகர உமாமஹேஸ்வர ஞானமூர்த்தியாய் விளங்கும் ஸ்ரீஏகம்பநாதராகிய கருணாகரக் கடவுளது திருவருளைச் சதா தியானித்து** வருகிறோம்.

இங்ஙனம்
அன்பர்கள்,
ஸ்ரீமதி அன்னவசந்தி சங்கத்தார்
தண்டு, பெங்களூர். 8—2—1902.

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ஸ்ரீமான் ராயபஹதூர்: ஆறுகாடு மேய்கண்ட தேவமுதலியாரவர்கள் மீது வாழ்த்துக்கவி.

பன்னிருசீர்க்கழி நெடிலாசிரிய விருத்தம்.

கடல்சேர்புவியிற் கங்கைகுலப்
  பயனு யாறு காட்டில்வரு
கனஞ்சேர் நாரா யணசாமிக்
  கண்கண் ணுதலா மிறையருளால்
அடல்சேர் மெய்கண்ட தேவனெனு
  மருமை மகவா யவதரித்தோய் !
அன்ன பெயருங் காரணமா
  யாக்கி ராய பஹதூராம்
மிடல்சேர் பட்டம் பெற்றெவர்க்கும்
  விருப்பை நிறைக்கு மேலோனே !

மேக நிறத்தான் காண்பரிய
வெள்ளேற் றிறைதாள் விழைவோனே !
இடல்சேர் குணத்தாற் கற்பகமே !
எளியோர் வறுமை யிரிமருந்தே !
இனிய வாழ்நா ணீமிகப்பெற்
றென்றும் புகழுற் றிலகுகவே.

இஃது பெங்களூர் ஸ்ரீமதி அன்னவசந்தி சங்கத்தின் நான்காவது வருட மகோற்சவகாலத்தில் (8 - 2 - 02) சென்னைச் சிவனடியார் திருக்கூட்டத்தினரால் இயற்றப்பட்டது. சுபம்.

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மகா ராஜமான்ய ராஜஸ்ரீ இராவ்பஹதூர் ஆ. மெய்கண்ட தேவமுதலியார் அவர்கள் சமுகம்

பிரபுவே,

பெங்களூரில் பிரயாணிகள் சுகமாகத்தங்க சத்திரம் கோயில் குளங்களையும், ஆண்பெண் மக்களுக்கு அழகிய பாடசாலைகளையும், அனுதரவான பிள்ளைகளுக்கு அடைக்கல ஸ்தானங்களையும், வியாதியஸ்தர்களுச்கு வைத்தியசாலைகளையும், வைதீகர்களுக்கு சைவவைணவ பிரம்ம மந்திரங்களையும், காஞ்சியில் கன்னிகையருக்குக்கல்விச் சாலையையும், திக்கற்ற திருகுலத்தாருக்குப் பாடசாலையையும், கோயமுத்தூர் பிரம்ம மந்திரத்தில் குடிநீர் கிணற்றையும், பின்னும் பலவிடங்களில் பெருந் தொகையான பொன்னைச் செலவழித்து பலதருமங்களை நியமித்தும், அவைகளை நேரில் கண்டு ஆநந்தித்தும் வருவதை மைசூர் மஹாராஜா அவர்களும், மாக்ஷிமைப்பொருந்திய விக்டோரியா சக்கிரவர்த்தினியவர்களும் கேட்டு தருமரத்னகரம், இராய பஹதூர் முதலான பிருதுகளைக் கொடுத்துக் கொண்டாடியவரும், தருமமே உருவாக அவதரித்த ஸ்ரீமத் இராயபஹதூர் ஆ. நாராயணசுவாமி முதலியார் தருமரத்னகரம் அவர்களுடைய சகோதிர புத்திர இரத்தின சிகாமணியவர்களாகிய தங்களை இன்று இங்கு தரிசித்து வந்தனஞ்செய்ய எவ்வளவோ பாக்கியம் பெற்றோம்.

தயாநிதியாகிய தங்கள் பெரியதந்தையவர்கள் நியமித்த இகபரத்திற்கின்றியமையா தருமங்களை அவரது திரு உள்ளத்தின்படி திருப்திகரமாக எவர் நடத்தி வருவரோ என்று அநேகர் ஏக்கமுற்றிருந்தனர். அந்த ஏக்கத்தை நீக்க, திருவருள் தங்களை “ தருமத்தின் உண்மையை அறிந்தோர்” எனப்பொருளாகும் “ மெய்கண்டார்”

என்னும் பெயரால் தங்களை அவதரிக்கச் செய்திருப்பதைக் கருதி ஆநந்திக்கின்றனம்.

புகழுடம்பினராகிய தங்கள் பெரிய பிதா அவர்களுடைய கருத்தின்படி தாங்கள் தரும கைங்கரியங்களை திருப்திகரமாக நடத்தி வருவதைக் கண்டு மங்காத புகழ்பெற்றோங்கும் ஆங்கில கவர்ன்மெண்டார் தங்களுக்கு இப்போது இராவ்பஹதூர் என்ற பிருதைக் கொடுத்ததைக் கேட்டு ஆநந்திக்கிக்கின்றனம்.

பரமேசுவரர் இராஜரிஷியாகிய பெரிய தந்தை அவர்களுக்கும் தங்களுக்கும் தங்கள் குடும்பத்தாருக்கும், தங்கள் தருமகைங்கர்யங்களும் பல்லாண்டு பல்லாண்டு பல்லாண்டாக பூரண சுகவாழ்வையும், சம்பத்தையும் பிரசாதித்தருளப் பிரார்த்திக்கின்றனம்.

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கோயமுத்தூர் 25-2-1902.

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ஆதிகாரண கடவுளநுக்கிரகத்தால் இந்துக்களாகிய நம்மை நீதியாய் ஆளுவதற்காக கீழ்த்திசையில் இளஞ்சூரியனுதித்ததுபோல செவந்த பவழம்போல் நல்ல வடிவழகையும் நீதியையும் கைக்கொண்டு எங்கும் சுய அரசாய் ஆண்டுவருகிற ஆங்கிலோ பிரிட்டிஷ் நியாயாதிகாரிகளின் மந்திராலோசனைக் கர்த்தர்களுக்கு நடுநாயகம்போல் விளங்குகின்ற சக்கிரவர்த்தி யவர்களுக்கு பிரதிநிதியாக

எழுந்தருளிய நியாயவிதகாய பரிசிலனுதிபத்தியத்தை வகித்து நம்மையாண்டு வருகிற மகா மகிமை தங்கிய கவர்னர் ஜெனரல் லார்ட் கர்ஜன் அவர்கள் கிருபையால் மகாமகிமை தங்கிய மைசூர் கவர்ன்மெண்ட் மகாராஜரவர்களால் தர்ம இரத்னுகர மென்கிற பிரபல பட்டப்பெயரினை வகித்த இராயபஹதூர் ஆ. நாராயணசாமி முதலியார் சகோதரர் குமாரராகிய ஆ. மெய்கண்ட தேவமுதலியாரவர்களிடம் விளங்கி இருக்கின்ற அபூர்வமான நல்ல குணுதிசயத்தைக் கண்டு இராவ்பஹதூர் என்னும் பட்ட மகுடத்தை கவுரவமாய் தந்ததற்காக நம்மவர்களுக்கு உண்டான மனச்சந்தோஷ கொந்தளிப்புக்களை சொல்ல சொற்கள் தவறத்தக்க மனமகிழ்ச்சியை உண்டாக்குகின்றன. இவ்விடம் இருக்கும்படியான, யூரேஷியன் துரைகளும் இந்து பிரபுக்களும் மகம்மதிய பிரபுக்களும் தனவந்தரும் கனவந்தருமாய்ச் சேர்ந்து கொண்டாடிய வைபவங்களின் வழிபாடுகளை நடத்தி வந்தனுபசார வாழ்த்துதல் வாழ்த்திப் போற்றினுர்கள். இவரது நன்மையை சதா கோருகின்ற பந்துநேயராகிய கனம் பொருந்திய கா. இராசுமுதலியாரவர்கள் இதனிலும் பெரிய உயர்பதவி உண்டாகும் வண்ணம் கடவுளை நினைந்து ஆசீர்வதித்து வாழ்த்துதற்கு செய்யுளமைத்து தருகவென கேட்டுக்கொண்டபடி.

சிவசமுத்திரம் ஜாகீர் சமஸ்தான பண்டிதராகிய இந்து சபா காரியாதிபதி நாராயணசாமி செட்டியார் இயற்றிய கழிநெடிலாசிரியப்பா.

மஹாவசந்த திருமங்கள வாழ்த்து.

பதினான்குசீர் கழிநெடிலாசிரியப்பா.

பொன்கிளரி நீர்நிலமு மலைவளமும் பெருகி மணப்
பூங்காவனங்கட் சூழும்
பொற்பிலகு பெங்களூர் விற்பனகு ழாங்கட்சதா
போற்றிபுகழ் வித்வரத்னம்
மன்னுதிரு தமிழ்கலையின் காவியபுராணமொடு
மாட்சியிங்கிலீஷ் பாஷையின்
மகிமையுறுங் கைத்தொழிலிற் கீகையாகிய திவ்ய
மறையெலா மோர்ந்த செம்மல்
பன்னுமிரு பதினுறு தர்மங்கள் வழுவாமல்
படிமீது செய்குணுளன்
பட்சமனம் வைத்துமே எச்சமயத் தோர்களையும்
பரிவாய் நடத்தும்வள்ளல்
தென்னிலகு இராவ்பாதூர் மெய்கண்ட தேவரிவர்

திக்கெட்டுங் கீர்த்திநாட்டி
ஜெகமீது பல்லாண்டு சுகமாக வாழ்கவே
திருவருட் கூரீசனே ! (1)
பொய்கண்டு நீங்கியொளிர் மெய்கண்டதேவர்பொற்
புகழ்மேவு வேளாண்குல
பொலிவெய்த ஞானமகிழ் பூப்பப் பிறங்கிவளர்
புண்ணியக்கார் முகிலனென்
மைகண்டனருள்வேட்கை யாற்றிருக் கலியாண
மாநகர் மதிக்கவாழும்
வள்ளலென வாணர்கொண்டாடிட வழங்குவோன்
மகியாளுமன்னர் நண்பன்
கைகண்டவாணிபம் பெருமையால் பொதுநன்மை
கருதிமுயல்கின்றதீரன்
கவின்மேவும் முனிசாமி வேளுதவு புத்ரன் மெய்
கண்ட தேவப்பெயரினேன்
நெய்பருப்புணவூட்டு மகாராஜமுதலிக்கு
நேயமிக வைத்தசீமான்
நிமலவரு ளுடைகப் பரமேசனருளாலின்
னிலமீது மிகவாழியே ! (2)

ஐயனீ செய்தபொது நன்மைகண் டம்புவியை
யாளுமாங்கிலமன்னவர்
அரிய இராவ்பஹதூரெனும் பட்டமதனினைக்
கன்புட னீந்ததற்காய்
வையமிசை யாவரு மகிழ்ந்தனர் நாங்களெம்
மரபுளாரொடு மகிழ்ந்தனம்
மருவியகுணாளனும் மெய்கண்டதேவனின்
வழிமுனோன் மூதாதைபோல்
செய்பவன் கடாக்ஷத்தி லென்னாளும் நின் சீர்
சிறந்திடச்செல்வமோங்க !
திகழ்வாணிபம் பெருக ! மென்மேற் பரம்பரை
செழித் தநுதினந் தழைக்க !
தூய்யகுண இராஜு முதலிக்கினிய தொடர்புடைய
சுற்றமெனவே விளங்கி
சொற்கண்டு நாராயண செட்டி துதிசுமுக
துணைபெற்று மிகவாழியே ! (3)

Newspaper Articles.

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THE BIRTHDAY HONORS.

"*Daily Post,*" 11*th Nov.* 1901.

The Mysore Province is not represented at all in the King's Birthday Honors, but the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore is, and so is the Province of Coorg. And as we are only concerned nearer home, we hasten to tender our warmest congratulations to our fellow-citizen, Mr. A. Maigundadeva Mudaliar, upon the inclusion of his name in the list of honors. He has received the title of a "Rao Bahadur" and has already received the congratulations of a very wide circle of friends in Mysore and outside the Province, who trust that the present is only the precursor of many more marks of favor for philanthropic citizenship. His public services will be principally remembered in connection with his munificent donation towards the erection of the Lady Curzon Hospital last year, which, with the surgical equipment just supplied, amounts to as much as a quarter of a lakh in itself, in one direction only of useful citizenship. His intimate interest in the sufferers from the plague is also still fresh in public memory, and so are his labors in connection with the local Branch of the Indian Charitable Famine Relief Fund on the Executive Committee of which he was Honorary Treasurer and succeeded largely in obtaining payments on the many promises of pecuniary contributions. Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar has also been a Municipal Commissioner of the Station and a member of the Bench of Honorary Magistrates for many years and has in various other ways taken his proper place as a public-spirited member of the Hindu community, and

the worthy senior member of a very old and a very flourishing firm in Bangalore. Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar is comparatively young, and the present honor is the more to be appreciated on that account, and it need hardly be said that, continuing to administer the extensive public charitable endowments inaugurated by his uncle, Mr. Rai Bahadur Arcot Narayanasawmy Mudaliar, he will continue to merit, and receive, those honors and awards which are reserved by the Government of India for the leaders of the people who shall be shining examples to keenly educating posterity.

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THE HONOUR LIST.

"*Evening Mail*," 12*th Nov.* 1901.

The list of honours given to the world on the first birthday of the King after his accession to the throne is not a long one. It is, however, a fair one. The holders of the names published in it deserve the honours conferred on them. Some will think others should have been added, but this is a matter of opinion. The names that do appear are worthy of appearing there. So far as we can make out, there is not one that ought to have been left out. It is true that the province of Mysore is only represented by one solitary name—Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar, who has become a Rao Bahadur. We congratulate the gentleman on the honour conferred on him, and we can only say that he well deserves it. He has done much good in a quiet unobtrusive way. The schools he superintends are doing excellent work, and all know the part he took and the money he gave in getting that useful institution—the Curzon Hospital—brought into existence. There are other things this gentleman has done that entitle him to be honoured, and it is well that we have a Viceroy who can appreciate

good work, and reward it accordingly. Mr. Maigundadeva has been honoured because he deserved it. The Madras list is not a long one. All will agree that Mr. G. G. Arbuthnot merited a knighthood, while the C. I. E., bestowed on Mr. Moss, the retiring Agent of the Madras Railway Company, could not have been better bestowed. Mr. Moss has done good and faithful work, and it is only right that it should be acknowledged by those in power. The gold and silver Kaiser-i-Hind medals given to Mrs. Firth and Mr. McCready will be acknowledged to be worthily bestowed. They have both worked well; they have done a great amount of good, and it is only right that such should be noticed. In former times favouritism carried the day. It is to be hoped all this has passed away.

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AN ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION.

TO RAO BAHADUR ARCOT MAIGUNDADAVA MUDALIAR.

(*From a Correspondent*).

"*Daily Post*," 25*th November* 1901.

In honour of the title of "Rao Bahadur" conferred by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in India, in the recent Birthday Honors list of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII and Emperor of India, on Mr. Arcot Maigundadeva Mudaliar, Municipal Councillor of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, nephew of Rai Bahadur Dharmaratnakara Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, the millionaire and well-known citizen of the station, for his numerous acts of munifience, a public meeting was held last Friday evening, the 22nd instant, in the spacious hall of the Chadurveda Sidhantha Sabah School on Cavalry-road, St. John's Hill, for the presentation of a congratulatory address to that gentle-

man. The hall was lighted with acetelyne gas lamps, the effects of which were resplendent. The meeting was very largely attended by influential members and other well-wishers of the Hindu community. Among those present there were Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, Messrs. V. A. Rajahruthna Mudaliar, V. Shunmoogum Mudaliar, V. Sundaralinga Chetty, C. N. Krishnamurti Rao, A. Venkatasubbu Pillay, V. Maselamoney Chetty, V. Yakambaram Mudaliar, V. Namasevoya Chetty, A. Seshachellum Mudaliar, V. Coopoosawmy Chetty, V. Valu Mudaliar, and T. Mahasawmy Pillay, Subadar-Major Rajahlingum and others too numerous to mention. Raja Dharma Pravina T. R. A. Thumbu Chetty, C.I.E., late Acting Dewan of Mysore, presided on the occasion.

The Chairman opened the meeting by briefly referring to the extensive charities of Rai Bahadur Dharmaratnakara Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar in the way of establishing schools for imparting education—general and technical—to youths of all denominations and creeds, and founding an orphanage, in addition to affording shelter and convenience to travellers of all classes in a commodious *chatram* erected in the heart of the station, and in especially opening a school for that much-neglected class—the Panchamas. His public spirit in identifying himself with all movements connected with the social advancement of his countrymen, was also alluded to by the Chairman. In addition to these local charities, his benefaction had extended to the erection and endowment of a girls' school in one of the principal stations of Southern India, namely, Conjeevaram. The Chairman particularly remarked that Mr. Narrainsawmy Mudaliar had immortalized his name by both his public and private charities. In recognition of the great public good he had done. His late Highness the Maharajah of Mysore had in addition to the title of Rai Bahadur conferred on him by the British Government, been pleased to decorate him

at a public Durbar with the additional title of Dharmaratnakara(*Precious gem of charity*).This family, with which the Chairman had the pleasure of being acquainted for more than four decades, had been noted as a household of charity and it was a significant fact that Mr. Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's nephew, Maigundadeva Mudaliar, had inherited the good qualities of his parents so as to shed lustre on the family and to ensure posterity the continuance of the charities already established. Charity in any form, observed the Chairman, deserved special praise in preference to all other good acts. The Chairman in conclusion had great pleasure in introducing to the audience the poet, Mr. Venkatasubba Pillai, who would recite a well composed poem in honor of both Messrs. Narrainsawmy Mudaliar and Maigundadeva Mudaliar, and specially to congratulate, on behalf of the Hindu community of the Civil and Military Station, the latter (Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar) for the distinction of Rao Bahadur so graciously conferred on him by His Excellency the Viceroy in recognition of his good services as a citizen, a most recent instance of which was the erection of a Maternity in connection with the Lady Curzon Hospital which was one of the great wants of the station.

At the conclusion of the Chairman's address, there was a hearty clapping of hands from the audience.

Mr. A. Venkatasubba Pillai, Editor of the Bangalore *Tharaka,* a newly organized Tamil newspaper in the station, then recited and explained the Tamil poem composed by him, relating to the many charities of Mr. Narrainsawmy Mudaliar and also Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar.

The Chairman then spoke a few words with reference to the very interesting poem, which he said must have afforded very great pleasure to the audience. He afterwards personally garlanded Messrs. Narainsawmy Mudaliar and Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar, as well as the

Tamil poet. Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar then garlanded the Chairman.

The new Rao Bahadur replied in the following terms:—

MOST HONORED PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—I have heard with wrapt attention the exposition of the stanzas so ably done by the Pandit now, but I must frankly admit that I do not possess knowledge enough to understand and appreciate the deep meaning which these verses, coming from such a learned Pandit, contain. The many qualities and actions expatiated upon as belonging to me are imposed on me by your overwhelming kindness, but really I am conscious I do not possess them at all. However, as the wise men of yore have said that the wishes of a good earnest majority will undoubtedly turn out to be true in a distant future, I pray God that He will bless me with those qualities and actions which you say I have at present and I know I have not.

You have referred to charities and other philanthropic works done by me. Nothing has been by me. I simply carried out with a full sense of duty and respect, the orders of my revered uncle, the founder of our family and the sole author of its past and present position. I have not got keen insight enough to understand what ought and ought not to be done and everything has been done under the guiding intelligence of my uncle. The title which the Supreme Government was pleased to bestow on me and the honor you do me now go, therefore, to him and not to me in any way. With feelings of much gratitude I beg to mention now that myself and the other members of the family are placed under much obligation to the honoured President for the genuine interest he has been taking in our welfare, and the invaluable advice he has given to guide our actions. I therefore consider that he is the sole recipient of the honor which to-night's programme is intended to confer.

I am ready to do as much good to the public as the status and means which my family possesses allow, and true loyalty and devotion the British Government urge and permit. All human beings are under the disposal of Almighty, and I beg permission to accept your address with the hope that God will, agreeably to your wishes and mine, give me and the other members of my family mental and moral strength enough to think and act in such a manner as to draw his blessings on our heads by serving humanity as much as we can under his dispensation ; and I thank you from the depth of my heart for the pains you took to arrange for to-night's programme and the honor you have done me thereby.

Mr. Vijiayarunga Mudaliar then in a few well-chosen words spoke of Mr. Maigundadava Mudaliar's munificence having been recognised by the British Government, which had given universal satisfaction and pleasure to the Hindu community of Bangalore, and expressed the earnest wish that that gentleman will long be spared to enjoy the distinction.

Mr. Venkatasubba Pillai thanked the Chairman for his kindness in presiding on the occasion and for his able conduct in the chair, besides paying him a high compliment with reference to his high abilities being rewarded with the bestowal of the honor of Companion of the Indian Empire by our late beloved Sovereign, the Empress of India.

Before the meeting dispersed, garlands, attar and *pan-supari* were distributed to the audience.

It may not be out of place to mention that the title of " Rao Bahadur " conferred on Mr. Arcot Maigundadava Mudaliar has also given very great pleasure to his numerous European and Eurasian friends and acquaintances who are arranging to entertain him in a befitting manner also.

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ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION.

(*From a Correspondent.*)

"DAILY POST," *26th November* 1901.

The staffs of the various departments of the Mysore Maharajah's Hall and the Bangalore Agency, showed their token of love and esteem for Mr. Arcot Maigandadava Mudaliar by presenting him with an address in honor of the title of Rao Bahadur conferred on him in recognition of the valuable services rendered to his countrymen. The function was held on Sunday evening in Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's Technical School in Dickenson road, which was æsthetically decorated. Above the main entrance was put up the inscription, "Welcome to our beloved Rao Bahadur," and another approaching the hall "Hearty Congratulations," worked in cotton on a red baize grounding. Before proceedings began, a group photograph of Rao Bahadur Maigandadava Mudaliar and his subordinate staff was taken by the firm of Mr. E. F. H. Weile behind Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's High School. The new Rao Bahadur then marched in procession led by Oriental music and on arrival at the Technical School he was most cordially received by a goodly gathering of well-wishers who thronged the hall. Amongst the many there were present Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, Messrs. V. A. Rajaruthnam Mudaliar, M. Billimoria Dinshaw, M. Singaravalu Mudaliar, T. Mahasawmy Pillai, C. N. Suryanarrain Rao, Ahmed Sait, Jacoob Sait, Haroon Sait, A. Achutharaya Mudaliar, V. Candasawmy Mudaliar, Abboy Naidu, V. Yagambram Mudaliar, S. Naryan Rao, M. Venkatasawmy, V. Armoogam Mudaliar, A. Comarasawmy Mudaliar, A. Singaravalu Mudaliar and V. Valu Mudaliar. The proceedings opened with the presentation of the address, printed on page 54 *et sequel* which was read by Mr. F. Sydenham, Correspondence

clerk, "Mysore Maharajah's Hall." The reply to the above will be found on pages 56-58.

The audience were afterwards entertained to Oriental songs, the accompaniments being played on the veena and violin. During the performance some of the audience adjourned to the adjoining hall and partook of refreshments and tea. On return to the reception hall, the carpentry staff of the "Mysore Hall" presented their master with a magnificent wooden inkstand and ruler (their own handiwork) and a tray. The function closed with the distribution of garlands, attar and *pan-supari*, as well as three hearty cheers for Rao Bahadurs Arcot Narrainasamy Mudaliar and Arcot Maigandadava Mudaliar. The entertainment was a great success.

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A "CONVERSAZIONE."

"DAILY POST," *3rd December* 1901.

A very pleasant evening was spent last Saturday at "Duncan House," Cleveland Town, the residence of Mr. V. A. Rajaruthnam Mudaliar, Registrar, Mysore Chief Court, on the occasion of a *conversazione* given by that gentleman, in honor of the title of "Rao Bahadur" conferred on Mr. Arcot Maigundadeva Mudaliar by the Viceroy. There was a goodly gathering of guests in spite of the monsoonish weather, and among them were Mr. T. R. A. Thumbu Chetty, C.I.E., late Acting Dewan of Mysore; Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, C. I. E., Senior Councillor, Her Highness the Maharani-Regent's Council; Messrs. A. Ramachendra Iyer, T. Narhari Rao, and A. Rungasawmy Iyengar, Judges of the Chief Court; Mr. A. Narasim Iyengar, Retired Durbhar Bukshi; Mr. B. K. Venkata Varada Iyengar, Inspector-General of Police; Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, Mr. B. Venkatachar, Executive Engineer, Mr. Chennayya, Registrar, Resident's Court; Dr. N. Dorab

Seth, Mr. D'Souza, Probationary Assistant Commissioner, and Mr. Billimoria Dinshaw, the Hindu Members of the Mysore Bar, and a host of other influential Members of the Hindu and Sait communities. Mr. P. N. Krishna Murti, C.I.E., Dewan of Mysore, was unavoidably prevented from being present owing to important business, and he wrote and expressed regret of his inability. Mr. C. Sreenevasa Iyengar, 2nd Councillor, and a few others were unable to attend on account of previous engagement. The reception hall was well lighted and the arrangement of seats for the guests, according to European style was all that could be desired. The band of the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers under the direction of Bandmaster Ede, was in attendance, and played some lively tunes at intervals. During the function a few Hindustani and Urdu songs were sung, the accompaniments being played on the harmonium by Mr. G. Narrain Rao, Revenue Inspector, in praise of the charitable deeds of the new Rao Bahadur. The guests afterwards partook of refreshments, the genial host himself conducting them to adjoining rooms according to communities. The entertainment was greatly enlivened with a few Scottish airs and Hindustani tunes played on the bag-pipe by Sub-Inspector Campbell of the Station Police in costume. As usual, *pan-supari* and attar were distributed, and there was a presentation of "button-holes." The function was a great success, and terminated at 8 o'clock, when "God Save the King" was played on the harmonium. Before the guests dispersed, Rao Bahadur Maigundadeva Mudaliar was garlanded, and a handsome bouquet was presented to him. The parking of carriages was under the supervision of Inspector Hanumantha Rao.

The following telegram and letters were received at the time of the *conversazione* :—

TELEGRAM.

From

V. A. Parthasarathy Mudaliar, Esq.,

Rao Saheb,

Madras.

Accept hearty felicitations—great qualities make great men——God bless you.

LETTERS.

(i)

Purnaprasada,
Bangalore,
30*th November*, 1901.

Dear Rajaratna Mudaliar,

I thank you for your kind invitation both on your own account and to meet and congratulate your honoured guest. I wished very much to attend the *conversazione* but a special and urgent engagement prevents me from enjoying the pleasure. Please convey my heartfelt congratulations to the new Rao Bahadur. I wish the entertainment the best success.

Yours sincerely,
P. N. Krishnamurti.

(ii)

30*th November* 1901.

Dear Mr. Rajaratna Mudaliar,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to this evening's *conversazione* which however I am unable

to attend owing to a certain previous engagement. I hope the meeting will be a splendid success, seeing that it has been got up in honor of one so highly esteemed and so deservedly honored as my friend Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar to whom please convey my best compliments and hearty congratulations.

Yours sincerely,
C. Sreenivasiengar.

(iii)

30*th November* 1901.

Dear Mr. Rajaratna Mudaliar,

Just now as I am starting with my brother to your place, there is the rain. I have to go a long way and wished to give my excuse personally as one of my boys is unwell; but I may as well do it by this letter. I hope you will excuse both of us and add our congratulations to the guest of the evening.

Yours very sincerely,
H. V. Nanjundayya.

(iv)

Bangalore,
30*th November* 1901.

Dear Mr. Rajaratna Mudaliar,

I beg to thank you for the honor of invitation to the Conversazione this evening so kindly sent me. I regret that owing to the rains and headache I have been unavoidably prevented from participating the pleasures of the happy occasion. Beseeching to be forgiven.

Yours sincerely,
A. Veeraswamy Mudaliar.

(v)

30th November 1901.

My Dear Mr. Rajaratna Mudaliar,

Thanks for your kind invitation for the social party in honor of Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar, this evening. I should have very much liked to be present, if for nothing else, at least to show my regard for the new Rao Bahadur. My duties may or may not permit me to be present. Hence kindly excuse me if I am unable to come.

Yours sincerely,
M. SHAMA RAO.

(vi)

BANGALORE,
30th November 1901.

My dear Mr. Rajaratna Mudaliar,

The other letter from the Dewan clearly explains my absence for which I beg to be excused. My best thanks for your kind invitation and my congratulations to Rao Bahadur Migandadeva Mudeliar who richly deserves this honor from the Viceroy.

Yours sincerely,
M. SREENEVASA MURTI.

(vi)

ANOTHER ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION.

As a token of gratitude the members of the " Anna Bai's Recreation Club," on Sunday evening presented a congratulatory address to Mr. Arcot Maigundadeva Mudaliar, at the Club premises on Gungathara Chetty Road in honor of the bestowal on him of the title of " Rao Bahadur " by the British Government. At the entrance gate to the premises an arch was erected, bearing the

inscription, " Welcome," in gold letters on a red ground and on another arch behind was inscribed, "Hearty Congratulations." In the compound a large shamiana was pitched for the accommodation of the visitors, of whom there was a large attendance. Before the proceedings commenced a group photograph of the new Rao Bahadur and the members of the Club was taken by the firm of Mr. E. F. H. Weile, photographer of South Parade. Then followed some lawn tennis. A native brass band was in attendance and played several Hindu and English airs at intervals. While music was being discoursed, the visitors adjourned for refreshments to the premises of Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's Technical School in the adjacent building. On returning to the shamiana, which was lighted with acetelyne gas. Mr. C. Moonesawmy, Secretary of the Club, read an address, which was neatly printed on silk, encased in a silver casket, and presented to Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar. The casket was supported by a small pair of silver lawn-tennis bats on either side of an ebony-woodstand and on a silver plate was inscribed :—" In humble token of gratitude to A. Maigundadeva Mudaliar, Esq., from Anna Bai's Recreation Club, 1st December 1901 ",—

The text of the address and the reply thereto will be found printed on pages 62 to 64.

Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar sat down amidst a deafening clapping of hands from the audience. He was afterwards garlanded and a handsome bouquet was presented to him.

The distribution of rose, attar and *pan supari* soon after took place. In the interval a few Hindu songs were sung, accompaniments being played on the veena and violin. The visitors then went to the open and witnessed a grand display of fire-works, noticeable amongst them being the words "God bless our beloved Rao Bahadur," on a bamboo frame. The entertainment closed with the playing of the National Anthem by the brass band.

Preceded by the same band, Mr. Maigandadeva Mudaliar marched in procession to the gate, the interior of the arch bearing the inscription "Long live our beloved Rao Bahadur."

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW RAO BAHADUR.

"EVENING MAIL," *3rd December* 1901.

Though the Honor List issued this year, did not contain the names of all worthy Mysoreans, and that many whose names ought to have found a place in it, were omitted, yet it is at the same time gratifying to find that the honor rightly conferred on Mr. Arcot Maigundadeva Mudaliar, has given universal satisfaction. Go to any part of Bangalore, to any nook and corner of it, there one finds some good deed of the family of Arcot. Their acts of charity are not confined to any particular class, but they extend their charity to every class and creed. And not only in Bangalore is their charity known, but even to other parts of the Madras Presidency. They have built hospitals at their own expense, homes for orphans and the helpless, they feed the blind and the sick, they have opened Technical and Educational Institutions, not to speak of the great number of students they have educated, and who have gone out into the world and have in their turn done good deeds to others. Truly such a family deserves to be respected and it is no wonder that when its leading member has been honored with a title by His Majesty the King, that every class and condition of men who enjoyed their charity, ungrudgingly comes forward to show their congratulations. Last Sunday night, the Rao Bahadur, was presented with an address of congratulation, by the members of the Anna Bai Recreation Cub, an excellent institution

started by some leading Hindu gentlemen for the physical and mental improvement of young men. The Club is called after Mrs. Annie Besant. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Rao Bahadur's attention was turned to the good work the members of the association were doing in their own quiet way. The Rao Bahadur, being himself an ardent lover of sport, the members of the club chose him as their patron and also for allowing them to hold their meetings in a building belonging to him, for a nominal rent. They felt that they too without losing any time, must join with the rest, in congratulating him. It must be said that their entertainment in honor of the Rao Bahadur, was worthy of the occasion. A *shamiana* was erected abjoining the club, where the function took place. The eyes of all the visitors, on entering it, were caught by a photograph at the northern end, which represented the Rao Bahadur with a bat in his hand and in his cricketing dress. Oustide the *shamiana* at the very entrance there was a big arch with the words " Long life to the Rao Bahadur " ; the true sentiments of all his admirers, was rightly inscribed on it. The members as the clock struck four proceeded to the house of Rai Bahadur Arcot Narayanaswami Moodeliar, and escorted the Rao Bahadur to the Club, with the band playing the well-known tune " See the conquering hero comes." The guest of the evening, was received at the entrance by the President, Mr. Venketaswami. A photograph of the members, the guest of the evening, with the address and the casket, was taken by an employee of Mr. Weile's firm. There was a large gathering of the leading citizens present in response to the invitation issued by the members and the Rao Bahadur spoke to each one present, after which in the spacious compound, some were seen playing cards, some chess, some conversing with their friends, and the guest of the evening being a keen sportsman, as we said before, chose to have a game of tennis. When it was dusk, the gather

ing adjourned to the *shamiana*, which was lit beautifully and around it there were tiny lamps of a variety of colours and all those things, presented a beautiful appearance and as some one remarked it looked like fairyland. A *Bagavadar* with his *Vena*, gave some excellent songs, which were specially composed for the occasion. After this, those present proceeded to the adjoining school, to satisfy the inner man, where there were refreshments of different kinds. The members were very hospitable and every one invited was treated well. Once again, the gathering assembled in the *shamiana*, where the presentation of the address took place. The address was printed on a beautiful silk cloth, and was enclosed in a silver casket, with the words "Presented to Rao Bahadur Maigandadava Moodelliar, in grateful regards, by the members of the Anna Bai Recreation Club."

Vide pages 62 to 64 for the address and the reply thereto.

The Rao Bahadur was garlanded and flowers were distributed to those present. The whole function terminated with a grand display of fire-works at 8 p.m.

CONVERSAZIONE.

On Saturday, a conversazione was held at the house of Mr. V. A. Rajarathna Moodelliar, in honour of the Rao Bahadur, on which occasion there were present, Rajadharmapravina, T.R. A. Thumboo Chettiar, C.I.E., Messrs. V P. Madhave Rao, C.I.E., Ramachandra Iyer, Rangaswamy Iyengar, and others. The B. R. V. band was present and the whole function was a brilliant success.

STILL MORE ADDRESSES.

There are still more things forthcoming and people are anxious to show their joy on the honor conferred, in a tangible form. To-morrow night, the cloth merchants, entertain the Rao Bahadur at a dinner at 7 p.m., in Clark's pettah. On Saturday next, the students

of the A. N. M. School, present him with an address, on which occasion Mr. T. R. A. Thumboo Chettiar, C.I.E., will preside. On Sunday, the *Anjuman*, will give him an address of congratulation and so on throughout the week, nay throughout the month, some association or body of men, are anxious to offer their congratulations. Rao Bahadur Maigandadeva Moodelliar, richly and rightly deserves all these honors. The various forms of congratulation, after all, go to prove, that His Excellency the Viceroy's selection in having recommended to His Majesty the King a worthy son of Mysore, for honor, has given, as we said, great satisfaction throughout the Province.

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AN ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION.

By Teachers and Students.

" *Daily Post*," *9th Dec.* 1901.

Yet another address of congratulation was presented to Mr. Arcot Maigundadeva Mudaliar, the recipient of the title of " Rao Bahadur " from the Viceroy, last Saturday evening, on this occasion by the teachers and past and present students of Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's Institutions, in the spacious hall of the building on Dickenson-road. A bamboo arch was erected at the south-west gate to the premises, which bore the inscription, " Welcome." Venetian poles and banners were put up in the compound and flags on top of the building. Above the portico, was inscribed, " Hearty Congratulations." The walls of the hall were tastefully decorated with ferns. The west wall was adorned with the likenesses of the late Empress of India, His Majesty King Edward and Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, just immediately above being another inscription in a semi-circle, with the words " God bless our Rao Bahadur " artistically

worked in green leaves. The reception hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by a very large number of the influential well-wishers of the new "Rao Bahadur." Mr. Justice A. Ramachendra Iyer presided. Among the audience there were present :—Mr. T. R. A. Thumboo Chetty, C.I.E.; Mr. P. S. Krishna Row, Mr. M. Abdul Rahiman, Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, Messrs. H. Eagles, S. M. Kelly, V. A. Rajaruthna Mudaliar, M. Billimoria Dinshaw, C. S. Govindaraju Mudaliar, Ahmed Sait, A. Raju Mudaliar, V. Ruthna Mudaliar, A. Murugesa Mudaliar, V. Singaravelu Chetty, Esaack Ismail Sait, V. Namasevoya Chetty, T. Mahasawmy Pillai, V. Singaravalu Mudaliar, M. Mohideen Khan, M. Vencatasawmy and several Hindu members of the Mysore Bar. A Hindu brass band was in attendance, and played several English airs at intervals during the function. The proceedings opened with the singing of welcome songs by a dozen girls of Govindammal's School, Ulsur, the accompaniment being played on the violin, complimenting Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar on the bestowal of the well-merited title of "Rao Bahadur." Before the presentation of the address, Mr. K. T. Dorasawmy Iyengar, B.A., 1st Assistant Master, read a letter, in which Mr. P. N. Krishna Murti, C.I.E., the Dewan of Mysore, expressed regret at his inability to be present at the demonstration, owing to a previous engagement, and at the same time heartily congratulating Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar on his being the recipient of the title, an honor which he was well deserving of. The address was read by Mr. Dorasawmy Iyengar—*Vide* page 64 *et sequel.*

The address was neatly printed on parchment. Above it was drawn the miniature likenesses of King Edward VII., and below it on the left of Rai Bahadur Arcot Narainsawmy Mudaliar and of Rao Bahadur Arcot Maigundadeva Mudaliar on the right. It was encased in a silver casket, supported on a rosewood stand, and on a

silver plate was inscribed the words :—" Presented to Rao Bahadur A. Maigundadeva Mudaliar Avergal, by the teachers and past and present students of R. B. A. N. M's. Institutions, 7th December 1901." The drawing of the likeness was by T. Kristnaraj Pillai, one of the past students of Rai Bahadur Arcot Narainsawmy Mudaliar's Technical School. The Chairman handed over the address and casket to Mr. Maigundadava Mudaliar who was then garlanded, and a handsome bouquet was presented to him. Soon after a drawing of the Technical School by one of the students, in an elegant frame, was presented to Mr. Mudaliar, by Mr. N. C. Narsimiengar, L.C.E., the Superintendent. This was followed by a poetical address in Tamil, expressive of hearty congratulations for the distinction bestowed on so worthy a member of the Hindu community.

Rao Bahadur Maigundadeva Mudaliar replied as follows :—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—With your kind permission I beg to address a few words to the teachers and students of these schools. In connection with the honor done to me recently by the British Government by the bestowal of a title of honor on me, I have had the fortune to be feted on all sides, and to be presented with addresses by different bodies, but it has given me unqualified pleasure to accept the cordial invitations of the teachers and students of the several institutions established by my worthy uncle in Bangalore, to be present here among them this evening. I thank you, teachers and students, for your good wishes and for the address you so kindly presented to me in a handsome casket. In your address you have exaggerated my public services. I have done nothing more than what can be expected from a person who is, as I have been, favorably circumstanced, and backed by the wholesome advice of an uncle with ripe experience in all matters of life. I daresay that by

your request you have caused much inconvenience to the Chairman, and I beg to express my grateful thanks to him for the trouble he has taken on my account. It is a source of great satisfaction to me to find that the successive annual inspection reports of the Educational Officers of Government, show that these schools are maintained in a state of efficiency, and to observe that perfect good feeling exists among the teachers and the students. I need not conceal the fact from you that under such favorable circumstances, it is my earnest wish to be associated with these schools as Secretary all my life-time. I beg your indulgence for such a desire of mine, as it is, you will acknowledge, natural to one who is interested in the cause of education, and who considers the call of his uncle and founder of the institutions in such a noble cause as a sacred duty imposed on him. I hope and trust that I will continue to discharge the duties of Secretary, to the satisfaction of the Committee of Management, and to merit your approbation. (*Cheers*)

I confess I am not fit to say anything about the subject of education. The policy of education at present pursued by Government is engaging careful consideration in India. Some are opposed to it, while others consider it is inevitable, owing to different social condition and mixed racial feelings of the student population. In my humble opinion the present policy appears to be the best that can be adopted in the schools supported and aided by Government. But it should not be forgotten that a spiritual and moral education does not form an essential factor in that system; it behoves the parents themselves to provide suitable means for such education for their children. Means are not wanting in the homes of every Hindu and if the neglect of such education is traced among the Hindus, it must be candidly admitted that it is due to the carelessness of the parents, in not seeing his boy availing himself of those means. In conclusion, I thank you once more for your loving

wishes, and in doing so please allow me to say, that by the demonstration arranged for me this evening you have honored in me a past student of your own High School, as you may perhaps not be aware that I received my early education in that institution. (*Applause.*) I will be much obliged if the Headmaster will find it convenient, to grant a holiday to all the boys and girls in the schools under my management in Bangalore. (*Cheers.*)

Rao Bahadur Maigundadeva Mudaliar sat down amidst the deafening cheers of the past and present students.

The Chairman next, in a brief speech, said that it had given him very great pleasure to accept the invitation to take part in the ceremony of that evening. He had known Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar for the past seventeen years and always held him in high estimation, being also favorably impressed with that gentleman's simpleness of manner. The institutions were generally maintained by Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, the uncle of the new recipient of the title, and it was needless for him (the Chairman) to add anything more in praise of the former gentleman. The new Rao Bahadur had also done charitable deeds. These two gentlemen had made their names household words, for their well-directed charity. For the good Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar had done, the title of " Rao Bahadur " had been conferred on him by His Excellency the Viceroy. In conclusion, the Chairman sincerely wished that more exalted honors would be conferred on Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar.

After the Chairman had been garlanded and the distribution of attar, button-holes and *pan-supari,* a few Hindu songs were sung, to the accompaniment of the violin and veena. The girls of Govindammal's School entertained the audience again with a farewell song, wishing the Rao Bahadur long life and increased pros-

perity. The function terminated with "The King," played by the brass band.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman for his kindness in presiding, which was responded to by the audience.

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MORE ADDRESSES OF CONGRATULATION.

TO MR. ARCOT MAIGUNDADEVA MUDALIAR.

"*Daily Post*," 11*th December* 1901.

Besides the several addresses of congratulation that were presented to Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar during the past fortnight, in honor of the distinction of the Rao Bahadur lately bestowed on him, two more were given last Sunday, namely, one at 12 noon in a spacious building, north-east of "Grasmere," on Osborne Road, St. John's Hill, by the Hindu cloth, grocery and grain merchants of the Civil and Military Station, and the other by the members of the "Anjuman-e-Islamia" Library on Cavalry Road at 5 o'clock in the evening. At the function on Osborne Road upwards of three hundred guests sat down to a substantial dinner according to Oriental custom. The guests next adjourned to the hall where they were entertained to Hindu songs, the accompaniments to which were played on the violin and veena. An address, neatly printed in Tamil, on silk, was read by Mr. A. I. Sashachellum Mudaliar, Proprietor *Brahma Giana Bothini*, and Agent of the Bangalore Cantonment Commercial Company (Ld.). It was encased in a silver casket, bearing an engraved inscription in Tamil resting on a pair of silver penholders on each side, fixed to a rosewood stand. The purport of the address was that the distinction given him by the Emperor of India was hailed with very great joy by the signatories, and they sincerely wished that he would long be spared to enjoy it.

He was well experienced in merchandize and offered them assistance whenever required, for which they were grateful. His uncle, Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, had established a *chatram*, a boys' and girls' schools for Hindu children as well as for the Panchamas, besides an orphanage for caste children in the station, and a Hindu girls' school at Conjeeveram, towards which he had given an endowment. These charities would never be forgotten. Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar's beneficence also in the cause of charity was highly esteemed by the citizens of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore. He was born of a highly respectable and charitable family. The Maternity for the poor in "The Lady Curzon Hospital for Women and Children," was another instance of his charities. During the prevalence of plague in the station he had been the spokesman and took much trouble in getting the authorities to withdraw certain restrictions which were sorely felt by the population. Through his philanthropy he had been highly esteemed, and earned a good name for himself, and in his good works, he had not forgotten to secure the services of Pundits to impart religious instruction to the poor.

Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar replied in Tamil to the address. He said that the signatories had taken much trouble and put themselves to expense in entertaining him, a demonstration which he would never forget. God had been pleased to bless his family with comforts, and it was their duty to do charity to the poor. The charitable institutions were established by his uncle, whose name they had mentioned, and by his order, he (Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar) was conducting the management. The honor was more due to his uncle than to him, for his was only a small share. It was his uncle who had trained him in merchandize from boyhood, and such experience as was gained by him he would willingly impart to his brother merchants in the station. He

heartily thanked them for the presentation of the address and silver casket, which would be highly esteemed and treasured by his family and himself. What they had done for him, he could not find sufficient words to express his thanks for. He did not know whether he was deserving of it, but he was glad to note their good feelings towards him.

On the casket and address being handed over, Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar was garlanded and a handsome bouquet was presented to him. A few more Hindu songs were afterwards sung, besides two comic recitations in Tamil, relating to a school-boys' truant and the troubles to railway travellers during the prevalence of the plague, much to the amusement of the numerous guests. A distribution of attar and *pan-supari* followed. The arrangements for the function were satisfactorily carried out. The guests dispersed at four o'clock in the afternoon well pleased with the entertainment.

At the "Anjuman-e-Islamia."

The room in which the next function was held was prettily decorated. On the west wall of the hall was inscribed, "God bless our guest," the letters being worked in green leaves. A large social gathering of the Mahomedan and Sait communities, besides several influential members of the Hindu community, assembled to do honor to the guest of the evening. Amongst the latter there were present:—Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, Messrs. V. A. Rajaruthnam Mudaliar, V. Ruthna Mudaliar, Aga Abdoollah, A. Singaravalu Mudaliar, M. Billimoria Dinshaw, A. Sundaramurti Mudaliar, A. Murugesa Mudaliar, A. Raju Mudaliar, and M. Vencatasawny. Mr. Abdul Karim Sahib, Deputy Conservator of Mysore Forests, presided on the occasion. The interesting function began with the recitation of an Urdu poem by Mr. Khaleel Sahib, Headmaster, Anjuman-e-Islamia School, regarding the munificence of Mr.

Maigundadeva Mudaliar, which had won for him the well-earned title of "Rao Bahadur." Allusion was also made to the liberal charity of his uncle Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, another well-known citizen of the station. Next was read the following address by Mr. Ghoolam Ahmed, Secretary of the Anjuman-e-Islamia Library, which was afterwards interpreted into Hindustani to the Mahomedan and Sait communities:—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—It gives me great pleasure and I feel proud of the privilege of addressing you to-day, on behalf of the members of the "Anjuman-e-Islamia." As you know, we have all met here to perform a very pleasant task; in fact, the most pleasant one that the Anjuman, during its existence has ever been called upon to perform. The members of the Anjuman, have in their own humble way, arranged this social function to express, as a body, their feelings of the most sincere gratification, with which they have received the good news. The news, as you may imagine, was of the grant of the much-coveted title of "Rao Bahadur" to Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar, our friend, a worthy Hindu brother, and a respectable, and one of the most talented citizens of Bangalore. To honor one, whom the Government has honored is a very agreeable task indeed. No one deserved this distinction more than our "Rao Bahadur" did. His philanthropy and zeal in public affairs are too evident to require any detailed mention. There was hardly any organization for the public good that our friend was not interested in. He has always been prompt to the call of duty and as a Municipal Commissioner and a prominent citizen, our town has had cause to be grateful to him on more occasions than one. Apart from this you need not go far to seek for the building he has raised for the good of caste females. The handsome structure for the sick and the afflicted that owes its existence to the munificence of our

worthy guest, is a standing monument on New Market Road, of his liberality and philanthropy. The last, though not the least, is " Education " the salvation of India, which feels his strong hand at its back as the organizer and manager of the Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's Institutions at Bangalore and elsewhere. To sum up in one sentence our worthy and honored guest has proved himself fully alive to the best needs of India, and has taken a lion's share in ministering to them.

I do not like to take up your time by enumerating all that our friend, as a loyal and patriotic citizen, has done in the interests of the country. If I did so I would only tell you what you know fully well, and that which has received universal appreciation as already testified to, by the several social gatherings and demonstrations that have taken place in his honor. Suffice it to say that his caste people have cause to be proud of him as an illustrious member of a munificent and public-spirited family. Though Mahomedans have not the honor of owning him as one of their caste, still they feel all the more indebted to him, also proud of his everlasting friendliness and affability; so also of the honor of having his name on the roll of the supporters and members of our Anjuman, without any personal advantage to himself.

Let me conclude with the prayer (in which I am sure you will all join) that our most worthy " Rao Bahadur " may live long to enjoy the honorable distinction and the wide-world reputation he has gained. May he prove a source of still more good to his country and the people is the most sincere wish of

The members of the Anjuman-e-Islamia.

The reply of the Rao Bahadur was as follows :—

GENTLEMEN,—I have had great pleasure in accepting your kind invitation to be present among you this evening in the premises of the " Anjuman-e-Islamia, to which institution I have the honor to belong. I must not forget to mention that with the advice of my good

friend and counsellor, Khan Bahadur Abdul Rahiman Sahib, I got myself enrolled in your institution. I am not a little surprised at the magnificent manner in which you have arranged to receive and honor me. I thank you for your goodwill towards me.

In my replies to the several addresses that were presented to me during the past fortnight, I have plainly said that I have been but an instrument in the hands of my worthy uncle, and that the little public good which my family had the fortune to do was all planned and arranged by him while my work consisted in purely carrying out his wishes. It is therefore clear that every mark of honor shown to me is due to him and to him alone.

Some of my best friends are Mahomedan gentlemen, and our relationship has always been very cordial. It therefore puzzles me whenever it is contended that the institution of the caste system is an obstacle to true friendship. I have never found it to be so and it should not be so, because friendship belongs to the realm of emotion and feeling, while caste is confined only to social observances in the physical plane.

Knowing as I do that your institution represents the Mahomedan community of the station, I am proud to feel that I have merited the esteem and regard of that community as well. It has been mentioned to me several times by European officers that perfect good feeling exists between the Mahomedans and Hindus here, and that they co-operate together in a remarkable manner in all matters of general interest.

I thank you once more, gentlemen, for your good wishes. *(Cheers.)*

At the close the Chairman garlanded the new Rao Bahadur and afterwards spoke a few words, stating that he was very thankful for the honor done him in asking him to preside, and he took the present opportunity of heartily congratulating Mr. Maigundadeva Mudaliar for the

distinction gained by him on account of his charities. The guests then adjourned for refreshments according to communities. The Honorary Secretary next thanked the Chairman for his kindness in presiding. With a distribution of *pan-supari* and button holes, as well as the garlanding of the guest, and three hearty cheers for the guest, and, three for his revered uncle, the pleasant entertainment terminated, its success being due to the Secretary and his willing helpers.

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ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION.

To Mr. Arcot Maigundadeva Mudaliar.

"*Daily Post*," 16*th December*, 1901.

The twelfth address, by his numerous European, Eurasian, Hindu and Mahomedan friends and other well wishers in the station, was given on Saturday evening in the hall of Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar's High School, on Dickenson Road to Mr. A. Maigundadeva Mudaliar R. B. The approaches to the building were lined on both sides with flags. The hall was very tastefully decorated, and the conduct of the arrangements for the guests was highly satisfactory. The occasion was an "At Home," to testify their esteem to the new Rao Bahadur by presenting him with an address and casket, Mr. H. Abraham being Chairman of the Committee. There were present:—Mr. T. R. A. Thumboo Chetty, C.I.E., Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar, Dr. and Mrs. Choksi, Dr. Mrs. and Miss J. Sausman, Mr. and Miss Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. H. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dr. Ramasamy Iyengar, Mr. and Mrs. H. Donne, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. H. Berlie, Mr., Mrs. and Miss M. Billimoria Dinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Maiden, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. James, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Otmann, Mr. and Mrs. P. Barton,

Miss Abraham, Miss A. Mergler, Mr. and Mrs. W. Baillie, Messrs. J. E. O' Shaughnessy, H. Eagles, V. Gungathara Chetty, H. B. Hinde, Aga Abdoolah, A. S. Andrews, J.C.S. Lawrence, F. Goodal, Mark Pereira, T. Leishman, H. Clarke, Del Tufo, Essack Ismail Sait, V. Namasvaya Chetty, Ahmed Sait, V.Sundaralinga Chetty, Aga Abbas Alli, C. Mergler, V. Ruthna Mudaliar, A. Sundramurti Mudaliar, A. Singaravelu Mudaliar, A. Raju Mudaliar, A. Murugesa Mudaliar, C. Govinduraju Mudaliar, M. Mohideen Khan, C. R. Nunjundiah, C. N. Suryanarain Row, M. Vencatasawmy, and V. Yakambaram Mudaliar. On the arrival of the guest of the evening, the band of the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers, which was in attendance, under the direction of Bandmaster James Ede, played a lively air. The proceedings opened with the reading of the address by Mr. Harry Abraham. The address was printed in gold letters, encased in a handsome silver casket, cylinder-shaped, with elegant scroll work. It stood on silver serpents' heads and the stand was of rosewood, and on a silver plate was the inscription, "Presented to A. Maigundadava Mudaliar, Esq., on the occasion of the title of Rao Bahadur being conferred on him, 9th November 1901." The casket was the artistic workmanship of Messrs. Barton Son and Co. of South Parade, and was much admired. *Vide* pages 70-71 for the text of the Address.

An Urdu translation of the address by Mr. M. Mohideen Khan, was also read, after which Rao Bahadur Maigundadava Mudaliar replied to the address—*Vide* pages 71-72.

Mr. Maigundadava Mudaliar was now garlanded and then his uncle Rai Bahadur Arcot Narrainsawmy Mudaliar. Little Miss Abraham, daughter of Mr. Harry Abraham, afterwards went forward and presented the new Rao Bahadur with a handsome bouquet. The function in the hall occupied just a quarter of an hour. The guests then adjourned to the adjoining rooms according to com-

munities, and partook of refreshments. The entertainment terminated with a display of fire-works.

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"*Evening Mail,*" 17*th December* 1901.

ENTERTAINMENT TO A WORTHY CITIZEN.

A Unique Gathering.

Seldom do Bangalore citizens meet together to do honor to any of their fellow-citizens who have done any tangible service or whose services have been appreciated by the ruler of the country. The gathering which assembled on Saturday night at the A. N. M. High School, was a unique one—unique in every respect. It represented all nationalities and all professions. All classes of men were present to do honor to a citizen whose works of charity have been a great blessing to the poor. The gathering was unique in another respect also, because every citizen without any outward pressure felt it his bounden duty to attend the function and to contribute his mite towards its expense. Indeed, all credit should be given to the organiser of the entertainment for the happy idea it suggested to him to show the joy of all classes of people in some form. The entertainment was a great success in every way. The spacious hall of the school was neatly decorated and on the wall there was a picture of the King-Emperor and the Queen, and also a large oil painting of Rai Bahadur A. Narayanasawami Mudaliar, the uncle of the guest of the evening. The function began precisely at 5-30 p.m., with the reading of the address by Mr. H. Abraham.

The address was enclosed in a handsome silver casket and was presented to Rao Bahadur Maigandadava Mudalair, who on rising was received with continued applause.

After this, those present adjourned to a room, where refreshments on a grand scale were provided. During the

interval, the B. R. V. Band played a selection of music. The gathering then assembled in the compound, which was very beautifully illuminated and after witnessing the fire-works and after each one offering his congratulation to Rao Bahadur they dispersed. We may say that Rao Bahadur Maigandadeva Moodelliar rightly deserves all these honors, and indeed it is a matter of great satisfaction to those who have recommended him for the honor, to find, that it has given such universal satisfaction. Not only do the citizens of Bangalore rejoice over the honor conferred on the worthy citizen but even those who are outside the province, and who have watched the good work so unostentatiously done by the Rao Bahadur are glad of it. The Rao Bahadur day by day gets heaps of letters of congratulations and telegrams. We cannot help but be glad to find that His Majesty's first list of honors which though it contained but few names, and only one solitary name in the Province, has been the cause of satisfaction. This is indeed a good sign that the province has a bright future before it.

The "Rangoon Gazette," Saturday, 14th December 1901.

Thursday afternoon was made the occasion for presenting Her Excellency Lady Curzon at Government House with a very beautiful album in remembrance of Her Excellency's visit to Bangalore in December 1900 when a Hospital for Women and Children was opened there by Lady Curzon and given her name. The album, which consisted of views illustrative of the several portions of the new buildings, was bound in an exquisitely carved sandalwood cover (work for which Mysore is famous) with silver gilt mountings, and inscribed with the Curzon Crest. It was presented by Colonel A. F. Dobson (formerly Residency Surgeon in Mysore) on behalf of the donor, Rao Bahadur A. Maigundadeva Moodelliar, a well known and philanthropic citizen of Bangalore, who contributed largely to the funds for the establishment of the hospital. Lady Curzon in expressing the extreme pleasure it gave her to accept the album said it would ever serve to remind her of an institution in which she took the very greatest interest.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, CALCUTTA.

Feb. 14th, 1902.

DEAR SIR,

I am desired by Her Excellency Lady Curzon to write and thank you for the very pretty album of views, connected with the hospital which she opened at Bangalore in 1900, which she received recently in Burmah from Colonel Dobson.

The carving on the cover is so very good.

Yours sincerely,

E. HAROLD FENN.

To

RAO BAHADUR,

A. M. MAIGANDADEVA MUDALIAR.

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